

March 8, 2023

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2018, City Council adopted the Resilient Dallas Plan that identified challenges posed by food deserts and identified efforts to improve local public health, to reduce emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change as part of the strategy to make Dallas neighborhoods and our community thrive by Resolution No. 18-1026; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the City Council unanimously adopted the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) directing the City Manager, through the Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability, to coordinate City of Dallas initiatives and partnerships necessary to implement the actions and goals set forth in the CECAP, convene an Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee, towards implementation of a permanent board or commission, and provide annual reporting on progress towards meeting the goals and measurable targets set forth in the CECAP plan by Resolution No. 20-0688; and

WHEREAS, the CECAP Plan included a specific actionable goal towards measures to ensure that “All Dallas’s communities have access to healthy, local food”; and specific identified actions towards implementing a Food Advisory Committee, and to develop a Dallas Comprehensive Food and Urban Agriculture Plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2021, the City Council authorized a two-year service contract for a comprehensive food and urban agriculture plan for the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability - Agriculture, LLC, by Resolution No. 21-1378; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the City Council unanimously adopted the Racial Equity Plan (REP) directing the City Manager to continue to work towards racial equity and inclusion by implementing the REP, including action targets to support the local urban agriculture ecosystem in communities in priority equity areas, to increase access to local healthy food, and to increase local food production, by Resolution No. 22-1588; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) has conducted robust community outreach to support the development of a Comprehensive Urban Agriculture Plan; and has engaged various stakeholders through a Food Advisory Council, through stakeholder interviews, community and neighborhood meetings and bilingual community surveys; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability, has briefed this plan to the Environmental Commission, the City Council Environment & Sustainability Committee, and to full City Council on March 1, 2023 to attain and incorporate additional comment as appropriate; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to adopt a Comprehensive Urban Agriculture Plan, as the long-term planning vehicle to increase urban agriculture production within the City, which will in turn make the City more resilient.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the document attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution entitled Dallas Comprehensive Urban Agriculture Plan (**Exhibit A**) is hereby adopted by the Dallas City Council.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is directed to implement the Dallas Comprehensive Urban Agriculture Plan and to continue to inform and involve the City Council, the Environmental Commission, and the Environment and Sustainability Committee as work progresses on the City's urban agriculture initiatives.

SECTION 3. That the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability will coordinate City of Dallas initiatives and partnerships necessary to implement the recommendations, solutions, and actions set forth in the Dallas Comprehensive Urban Agriculture Plan.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.