

ONE STOP PERMITTING  
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ENGINEERING & PERMITS  
710 20TH STREET NORTH  
ROOM 210, CITY HALL  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

Randall L. Woodfin, Mayor

Katrina R. Thomas, Director

COMMUNITY GARDEN PERMIT APPLICATION		VALID ONE CALENDAR YEAR	
P.I.D. No: _____ Address verified By: _____		Date: _____	
Modified Address: _____		Case No: _____	
PLEASE PRINT ALL RESPONSES			
Community Garden Name: _____		When was your garden established: _____	
Neighborhood: _____		Current Zoning of Garden Location: _____	
PROPERTY OWNER		GARDEN MANAGER	
NAME: _____		NAME: _____	
ADDRESS: _____		ADDRESS: _____	
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____		CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____	
PHONE:(____) _____ CELL:(____) _____		PHONE:(____) _____ CELL:(____) _____	
FAX:(____) _____		FAX:(____) _____	
EMAIL: _____		EMAIL: _____	
Describe the proposed use and purpose of Community Garden: _____			
After reading each statement below, please initial, in the space provided, that you understand and that this requirement or restriction will be met for this property			
You must attach a site plan depicting the location and setbacks of all structures, compost piles, garden installations and screening. ____			
You must attach a copy of soil test results for both condition and contamination to this application. ____			
Have you consulted with a soil expert to determine if site listed on this application is safe to use for food production or if it requires any treatment intended to correct soil contamination so that site is safe to use for food production (It is strongly recommended that you provide your test results to a soil expert for analysis. This will help the City determine if further soil testing may be required as part of annual community garden permit)? ____			
Carefully read the disclaimer below.			
Disclaimer: By accepting this application and associated soil test results, the City of Birmingham has not determined that the soils in the Community Garden associated with this application are free from possible contamination and recommends that the applicant seek guidance from testing agencies or other environmental/soil experts to advise applicant on best practices for gardening activities that limit possible contamination of any agricultural product to be consumed by humans. Information on obtaining testing kits and analysis can be found in the appendix to the Birmingham Zoning Ordinance.			
The address for the Community Garden can NOT contain a residential structure. ____			
All accessory structures at a Community Garden are 1) either storage sheds, water cisterns, cold frames, hoophouses or greenhouses (if they are 150 square feet or more a building permit must be issued prior to construction) 2) must be built of standard, uniform materials in sound condition, and 3) be placed in a rear yard area (within 25 feet of rear property line) and setback 3 feet from property lines. ____			
All compost piles must be limited to no more than 10% of the garden site. ____			
All compost piles 1) must be screened from view of public streets and adjacent property with fencing or an evergreen landscape buffer, 2) must be maintained to prevent odors, rodents, pests and drainage from compost onto adjacent sites. ____			
All gardening equipment used at community garden shall be limited to household gardening/lawn equipment and must be stored in an accessory structure. ____			
Apiaries are allowed as an accessory use to a community garden. If you plan to have bee hives, list the number of hives ____ and the square footage of your lot _____. All hives must 1) be placed in a rear yard 2) be setback from property lines 20 feet 3) have a continuous water source available and 4) have a six-foot high flyway barrier in front of the hive opening. Hives are allowed at a rate of 2 per first 10,000 square feet and 1 per 4,000 square feet over 10,000 with a maximum of 10 hives on any lot containing a community garden.			
If you do plan to have hives, be advised that the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries requires that you register your hive with them. ____			
If you plan to have a market stand at the community garden and are in a residential zoned district, you must be granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustments prior to any market activities taking place. If you have been granted a special exception for a market stand list your ZBA case number. ____			
NOTICE: If a garden is fallow or no longer useful or productive and is not maintained free from injurious, noxious or unsightly weeds, the lot will be deemed to be a nuisance and will be subject to code enforcement. If any accessory structure is not maintained in sound condition free from evidence of decay and can be seen from public right-of-way or an adjacent property, it will be considered a nuisance and will be subject to code enforcement.			
I hereby certify that I have read and fully understand the information contained in this application, and have responded to each statement contained in this application accurately. Property Owner and Garden Manager must sign. Date _____			
Property Owner: _____		Garden Manager: _____	