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COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

TO: David Everitt 
Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

DATE: February 14, 2008

FROM: Rick Graham, Director 
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SUBJECT: Open Space Ordinance Language Amendment

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize an amendment to the code, Open Space Lands Program chapter 2.90, that adds community gardens as a sub-set to small neighborhood parks which is one of the type of Open Spaces.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

DISCUSSION: The current code allows the expenditure of open space funds for the purpose of acquisition of land that can be developed as a small neighborhood park. Based on the first round of public submitted applications, the board discerned a strong public interest in community gardens as a type of open space. The current code provides for a number of small park opportunities but falls short of including community gardens. The Open Space Advisory Board has considered the issue and recommends adding community gardens as a permitted type of open space that may be funded through the open space program.

Public Process: Reviewed, approved and recommend by the Salt Lake City Open Space Advisory Board

SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE
No. _____ of 2008
(Open Space Land)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.90.020 OF THE SALT LAKE CITY CODE, RELATING TO OPEN SPACE LAND.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. That Section 2.90.020 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to open space land, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

2.90.020 Definitions:

For the purpose of this chapter the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings given in this section:

A. "Open space land" means a parcel of land in a predominantly open and undeveloped condition that is suitable for any of the following:

1. Natural areas;
2. Wildlife habitat;
3. Important wetlands or watershed lands;
4. Greenway or stream corridors;

5. Small neighborhood parks of the following, or similar, kinds designed primarily for nonorganized, nonsupervised activities, such as:

a. A small, single purpose play lot designed or used primarily for nonorganized, nonsupervised activities;

b. A children's playground designed or used primarily for nonorganized, nonsupervised activities;

- c. Seating areas designed or used primarily for nonorganized, nonsupervised activities;
- d. Natural vegetation designed or used primarily for nonorganized, nonsupervised activities; ~~and/or~~
- e. A small open grass area designed or used primarily for nonorganized, nonsupervised activities; or
- f. A community garden;

6. Trails for nonmotorized recreational activities.

Open space lands may be preserved, enhanced, and restored in order to maintain the natural, scenic, ecological, cultural, hydrological, or geological values of the property.

Open space lands may be located: 1) within Salt Lake City, or 2) outside Salt Lake City if the board determines ~~it is in furtherance of~~ that such lands further the objectives of this chapter. As used herein, the term "undeveloped" does not include manmade structures of historical significance.

- B. "Board" means the Salt Lake City open space lands advisory board.
- C. "Program" means the Salt Lake City open space lands program created by this chapter.
- D. "Fund" means the Salt Lake City open space lands fund created by this chapter.
- E. "Open space lands inventory" means those real properties or interests in real properties held by the city that are identified in the inventory and map created and established pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this _____ day of _____, 2008.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on _____.

Mayor's Action: _____ Approved. _____ Vetoed.

MAYOR

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

(SEAL)

Bill No. _____ of 2008.
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APPROVED AS TO FORM
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office
Date 2-15-08
By [Signature]