



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DULUTH COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM FOR USE OF MULTIPLE, VACANT REAL PROPERTIES TO OPERATE ITS COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute a three-year lease agreement, substantially the same as the agreement attached as Exhibit 1, with the Duluth Community Garden Program, for the use of multiple, vacant real properties for operation of its community garden program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes a three-year lease agreement with Duluth Community Garden Program ("DCGP") for use of multiple, vacant real properties to operate its community garden program. DCGP's connects people of the local community together through the growing and sharing of food through urban gardens so that anyone, regardless of resources or experiences, can have a place to grow fresh produce. DCGP's services include providing 400 sq. foot garden plots; loaning out garden tools, books, and food preservation equipment; and hosting educational classes and garden tours.

DCGP has utilized numerous city properties for community gardens for several years, including sites more commonly known as Apple Tree Circle, Chester Creek, Liliput, and Riverside. DCGP is currently working with the Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative to construct and operate a new community garden at Harrison Park.

DCGP shall lease the real properties from the City at no cost. The consideration for the lease shall instead be the public benefit provided by DCGP through its community garden program and operation. Under the terms of the lease agreement, DCGP is responsible for all duties and costs associated with the use of the properties, including maintenance and utilities. The City reserves the right to terminate the lease if DCGP abandons the properties or ceases to use them for its community garden program.