

CONVERSATION STARTER

How can the new Zoning Bylaw help in protecting Edmonton's **food systems**?

This paper shows that the new Zoning Bylaw can help by

- 1 Defining areas in the city to **protect prime agricultural lands where possible** and allow Edmonton to contribute to the regional food system

 - **Agricultural Zone**
 - Permitted Uses**
 - + Agriculture
 - + Residential
 - + Signs
 - Conditional Uses**
 - + Food, Cultural, and Entertainment
 - + Outdoor Sales and Service
 - + Special Events
- 2 Allowing **a limited number of non-agricultural uses** to recognize that some lands can be converted to other uses **to support the rural and farming community**

 - **Rural Zone**
 - Permitted Uses**
 - + Agriculture
 - + Recreation
 - + Residential – existing when this bylaw was passed
 - + Signs
 - Conditional Uses**
 - + Outdoor Sales and Service
 - + Minor industrial
 - + Public Utility
 - + Special Events
- 3 Allowing **existing rural residential housing** and prohibiting **future rural residential development**
- 4 Removing any development permit requirements **for urban agriculture activity within the city**

 - **Urban Agriculture Use**

Urban farming would be allowed in most zones in the New Zoning Bylaw, except for areas where the city would not want food to be grown.