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Subject: Cotati's new Urban Ag Ordinance

Hi folks,

Happy new year! I'm pleased to announce that the City of Cotati's new urban agriculture ordinance is now effective, and we hope that you will help spread the word to Cotati residents and other interested folks about the new opportunities that are available for small scale farming and food production in Cotati.

Specifically, in Cotati one can now:

-Operate a Market Garden on residential property for sales of produce, eggs, and/or Cottage Foods, including operation of a small sales stand on-site up to 3 days/week, with no permit required (although we do need Market Gardeners to come to the City to receive a no-cost zoning clearance)

-Apply for a permit to conduct larger-scale Crop Production in the Rural Residential and Residential Very Low zoning districts, including a operating a Produce Stand, with reduced permit fees

-Operate a Community Garden on residential property with no permit required (once again, we do require a zoning clearance, no cost).

We have more information available on our website, and soon will have a simple application available for the zoning clearance. Anyone interested in learning more is also welcome to contact me directly. Here's a link to the webpage:

<https://www.cotaticity.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=36>

Thank you!