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Municipality of Metropolitan Lima

Approves Ordinance framework that promotes urban agriculture as a strategy of environmental stewardship, food security, social inclusion, and local economic development if the province of Lima

Ordinance No. 1629

The Metropolitan Mayor of Lima;

By extension:

The Metropolitan Council of Lima;

As per the ordinary council session dated September 18 2012, dictation No. 90-2012-MML-CMAL and 10-2012-MML-CMMASBS, of the Metropolitan Commissions of Legal Issues and the Environment, Health and Social Wellbeing; have given the following:

Ordinance Framework Promoting Urban Agriculture as a strategy of environmental stewardship, food security, social inclusion, and local economic development in the province of Lima.

### **Article 1.- Objective**

The present ordinance aims to establish general guidelines and the strategic and conceptual framework to promote urban agriculture as a strategy of environmental stewardship, provision of food access and security, clean and sustainable production, and promotion of local economic development and social inclusion.

### **Article 2.- Scope of Application**

The area of application for the present ordinance is the province of Lima.

The district municipalities, in the framework of their autonomy recognized in the Political Constitution of Peru and in law No. 27972—Organic Law of Municipalities, will approve norms of a similar nature with the objective to promote urban agriculture in its respective jurisdictions, keeping in mind the general framework and guidelines contained in this ordinance.

### **Article 3.- Definitions**

For the purposes of the present ordinance, there should be in mind the following definitions:

**Urban Agriculture**—The agricultural practice of producing edible and non-edible plants, and the breeding of minor animals (in areas where this activity is permitted in accordance with Territorial Zoning and under compliance with animal health regulations), destined to provide agricultural food and feed, and primary production and processing, safely to the population of Metropolitan Lima.

This activity can take place in interurban areas: roofs, terraces and / or backyards of houses, orchards, community gardens, schools and institutions (public and private), in urban community gardens, in productive gardens, in agroparks or orchard parks, and other vacant urban areas which are ceded for use through formal agreements with landowners for use in urban agriculture activities, as well as areas that are not sustainable and need to be preserved; as in peri-urban areas: agricultural valleys of Chillón, Rimac and Lurín.

It also includes within this concept the production of inputs for this activity as the development of soil amendments and biopreparates for crop fertilization and integrated pest management, the creation of local seed banks with traditional species and germplasm banks; carried out in accordance with the regulations on the subject and in accordance with the guidelines and directives of the competent national authorities. It also includes activities that add value to these products including processing and marketing.

**Urban Farmer** -- The person who is engaged in urban agriculture in order to improve their food, generate personal, family or community income, improve their environmental environment and / or use their free time.

**Metropolitan Agriculture Program**— The set of activities developed by the Municipality of Metropolitan Lima in its territorial jurisdiction, consistent with the national policy on the subject, in order to promote urban agriculture in the province of Lima. This program includes activities to implement and / or support productive areas (family orchards, schools, private agricultural plots) with sustainable technologies, training and technical assistance to urban farmers, research, articulation between urban farmers, direct marketing to consumers, formulation or support in the formulation of planning and management tools for urban agriculture and district legal frameworks (ordinances, council agreements, among others), education and diffusion of the benefits of urban agriculture and the importance of local food production and consumption, research and knowledge management. The metropolitan urban agriculture program, in order to reduce the risk of human poisoning as well as the reduction of pesticide contamination, excludes any activity related to the use, manipulation, transport or storage of pesticides or any chemically toxic substances or hazards to human health, animal health or the environment.

#### **Article 4.- Policy Guidelines**

The promotion of urban agriculture is one of the guidelines of environmental policy of the Municipality of Metropolitan Lima, which seeks to:

- 1) Conserve the agricultural areas of the city and promote the habilitation of new productive green spaces in the urban and peri-urban fabric, improving the quality of the habitat and the environment.
- 2) Promote access to healthy, nutritious, diverse and quality food, within the framework of promoting the food security of the population of the province of Lima, giving priority to families and communities in a situation of poverty and greater vulnerability.
- 3) Promote clean, ecological and sustainable production of agricultural products, reducing negative impacts and impacts on the urban environment.
- 4) Promote the advantages, use, and management of organic waste for urban agriculture.

- 5) Encourage the benefits and creative use of free time, through family, community and associative work.
- 6) Strengthen the participation and organization of urban farmers, promoting the strengthening of the social fabric and its inclusion in spaces and processes of participation and decision-making.
- 7) Promote the improvement of the quality of life of urban farmers, through development of capacities, strengthened productivity, and commercial support.
- 8) Support the development of skills and technical skills in the agricultural, nutritional and environmental management of urban farmers.
- 9) Revalue the habits and customs of the inhabitants of the city and promote healthy lifestyle habits and good practices of feeding and nutrition that contribute to the reduction of chronic malnutrition affecting residents in the province of Lima.
- 10) Generate complementary sources of income through networks of marketing and exchange of products and instances of training and agro-cultural education.
- 11) Promote the sustainable development of gastronomy and good food practices in the capital city.
- 12) Promote spaces for dialogue and planning between the Municipality of Metropolitan Lima, district municipalities, institutions and organizations of civil society, academic and research institutions, and groups and networks of urban farmers.

#### **Article 5.-**

The Municipality of Metropolitan Lima will promote urban agriculture as a strategy for the sustainable development of the city, integrating it into the plans for concerted development and territorial planning.

Also, the following promotion mechanisms are developed:

- A) The Municipality of Metropolitan Lima should devote as much as possible and manage economic and financial resources to promote projects and programs of urban agriculture in the province of Lima. The decentralized parts, decentralized public bodies and municipal enterprises of the Municipality of Metropolitan Lima, could allocate economic and financial resources for said activity, so long as the specific activity is linked to a social objective and is carried out in accordance with the budgetary rules.
- B) The Department of City Services, Sub-Department of Environment, and Regional Sub-Department of Natural Resources and Environment of the Regional Government of Metropolitan Lima Program, will develop workshops and training courses on biodiversity and urban agrobiodiversity, as well as actions for technical assistance, taking advantage of organic waste and using appropriate technologies that do not generate chemical toxic waste in the food or negative impacts on the urban environment.

- C) The Department of Business Development, Sub-Department of Productive Development and Sub-Department of Regional Agrarian Development program of the Regional Government of Metropolitan Lima, will carry out workshops, training courses, training, technical assistance and marketing of clean and sustainable production of agricultural products, ecological or organic, promoting the competitive development of sustainable economic activities through production and commercial chains by organizing local and regional fairs that allow their sale and / or exchange, linking urban farmers to the market.
- D) The Department of Social Development will provide and promote food and nutrition education to urban farmers and their families as well as to the general population, including the beneficiary population of food programs, seeking to enhance their impact. Also promote the implementation of urban agriculture practices in the beneficiaries of food and nutrition programs by the Municipality of Metropolitan Lima, territorial areas that have the conditions for it, seeking to complement and improve the nutritional quality of their consumption nutritional food.
- E) The Department of Neighborhood Participation will promote the articulation and organization of urban farmers, as well as the exchange and replication of urban agriculture experiences.
- F) The Department of Education, Culture and Sports will promote the generation of educational projects related to urban agriculture (orchards, among others), as part of the environmental education curriculum.
- G) The Park Service of Lima, "Serpar Lima", will allocate areas for park zones it oversees for compost production, organic fertilizers and by-products for urban agriculture, as well as ornamental food gardens.
- H) To implement the aforementioned mechanisms, it will be possible to conclude cooperation agreements with universities and specialized institutions, public or private, located in the province of Lima, in the country or abroad.

### **Additional Transitional and Final Provisions**

First.- The Department of City Services, along with the Sub-Department of Environment, in coordination with the Sub-Department of Productive Development of the Department of Business Development, the Department of Social Development, the Sub-Department of Natural Resources and Environment, and the Sub-Department of the Regional Agrarian Program of the Regional Government of Metropolitan Lima, will design and formulate the following tools:

- a) The "Metropolitan Urban Agriculture Program", which will be approved by decree of assessment. This program shall include the participation of the parts and organizations mentioned in Article 5 of this ordinance.

- b) Political and technical guidelines, as well as a "Strategic Plan for the Promotion of Urban Agriculture in the Province of Lima", to be approved by metropolitan ordinance.
- c) A proposal for the conservation and enhancement of existing urban agricultural areas, especially in the valleys of Rimac, Lurin, and Chillón, for their consideration in the elaboration of the Lima Plan, territorial planning schemes and ecological economic zoning.

Second.- This ordinance shall become effective as of the day following its publication in the official Peruvian newspaper "El Peruano".

Accordingly; Command to register, publish and comply.

In Lima, September 18, 2012

Susana Villaran De La Puente

Mayor

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