

Status and Data of Urban Ag Incentive Zones

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SUMMARY

UAIZ's ordinances passed in cities:

- SF (combined City/County)
- Sacramento
- San Jose
- San Diego (but applications not yet available)

Cities in progress:

- Los Angeles (Los Angeles County)
- Long Beach (Los Angeles County)
- Oceanside (San Diego County)
- Chula Vista (San Diego County)

UAIZ ordinances passed or in progress at county level :

- Santa Clara County (has program for unincorporated area)
- Los Angeles County (has program for unincorporated area)
- Sacramento (gave blessing to cities, but pending for unincorporated area)

Places where some advocates have expressed interest but no legislation is pending :

- Oakland (Alameda County)
- Berkeley (Alameda County)
- Fresno (Fresno County)
- Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz County, not eligible based on Census urban area criteria)
- Sonoma County (Santa Rosa area is the only place eligible, based on Census urban area criteria)

San Francisco

Implementation:

Joint city/county passed the law on August 7, 2014. People can now apply to put parcels under contract.

Status:

One parcel under contract: 18th and Rhode Island Garden, 0.11 acres.

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City of Sacramento

Implementation:

City passed law (w/ county blessing) on August 6, 2015. Applications now available.

Status:

2 UAIZ applications in 2015, none in 2016.

Parcel No.	St. #	Street	Size
014-0131-024-000 0	373 3	Broadway	11,600
0275-0163-009-00 00	102 1	Lochbrae Rd	7,841
		Total Sq. Ft.	19,441
		Total Acres	0.4463

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County of Sacramento

Implementation:

From an email from the Sacramento Urban Agriculture Coalition in December “[County planning] staff is trying to get the County Ordinance on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.”

Status:

County gave blessing to cities, but program is pending for unincorporated areas.

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Santa Clara County

Implementation

County passed law for unincorporated area in 2015 and began accepting applications in 2016.

Status:

The county has a program for unincorporated areas, but no applications yet.

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City of San Jose

Implementation:

City passed ordinance and began accepting application at end of 2016.

Status:

1 contract approved at end of 2016: 466 W. San Carlos/321 Gifford, approximately 0.3 acres.

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City of San Diego

Implementation:

City passed an ordinance on January 20, 2016, but City hasn't finalized applications yet. They are currently working with the County on fiscal impact analysis. The San Diego Food System Alliance expects the program to start some time in February 2017.

Status:

Two property owners (one community garden and one that has vacant land) have shown interest and would qualify for the program, once adopted by the city.

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City of Los Angeles

Implementation:

LA County passed and adopted the program in April 2016. City Planning Commission had hearing about city ordinance in Oct 2016. More legislative movement from City Council expected in early 2017.

Status:

LA Food Policy Council has identified several projects (existing urban farms and community gardens) that have shown interest and would qualify for the program, once adopted by the city.

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County of Los Angeles

Implementation:

The program was approved by the County BoS on April 12, 2016, with city mayors receiving notification three days later. The county started accepting UAIZ applications for unincorporated properties beginning May 12, 2016.

Status:

No one has entered into the program in the unincorporated areas, though according to the LA Food Policy Council, there is interest shown on the county level.

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City of Long Beach

Implementation:

Has not yet adopted the program, but they will be finalizing and submitting the initial research in January and expects to adopt it a couple of months after.

Status:

In progress.

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