

Resolution approving La Crosse Food Growing Guide that clarifies ordinances and policies as well as providing best practices for growing food in the city.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, urban food growing has increased the amount of local healthy food being consumed in communities around the globe, and Cities such as Minneapolis have provided great urban food policies and programs to use as a model; and

WHEREAS, People are more likely to save money, eat healthy, be active, and interact with neighbors when they grow their own food, and Americans were able to grow 40% of their produce in Victory Gardens during WWII; and

WHEREAS, a lack of healthy produce and excess of processed food is often leaves little choice for citizens who live in poverty, and is likely to lead to health problems such as obesity, cancer, heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, 36% of La Crosse County residents had difficulty getting food in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse seeks to create a strong local food system with a vibrant landscape that includes gardening and food producing for personal consumption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves of the attached La Crosse Food Growing Guide that clarifies ordinances and policies as well as providing best practices for growing food in the city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City staff are hereby authorized to take any and all steps to effectuate this resolution.