

UDO Feedback

- Uses & Definitions Comments
 - Community Gardens
 - Recommend to remove "nonprofit" in community garden. In United Way of Greater Knoxville's 2024 Community Garden Survey, gardens are owned by nonprofits, public development corporations, schools, and religious institutions.
 - Recommend that community gardens are allowed in any zone.
 - There is a gap in the "market garden" or being able to sell all or a portion of produce from a community garden.
 - What about a personal garden where someone is selling products?
 - Food Bank
 - Recommend to broaden definition to "Food Hub" or "Food Distribution Center." Food Banks are verify specific and there are only five in the state, with the closest being in Maryville. Using Food Hub allows for larger private AND nonprofit food distributors.
 - Food Pantry
 - Recommend to remove nonprofit. Recommend using a broader term like "community resource hub" because there are groups that provide basic needs support that is not food. Including diapers, pet supplies, etc.
 - Hobby Farm is used in the Zoning comments but not defined here.
 - Missing Definitions where clarity if needed for residential zoning districts
 - Composting - home, community garden, and industrial
 - Accessory Dwelling Units, Greenhouses
 - Aquaponics, hydroponics, apiary, hens
 - Farmers Markets
 - Goat for invasive species removals
- Zoning Comments

- Lack of clarity around two agricultural zones - Agriculture Preservation and Agricultural Rural
- Unclear what "hobby farming" means in Zone "E Estates"
- CR Rural Commercial - I like the "rural hub zoning" language.
- Where do on-site farm stores fit in?
- Lack of clarity about limited agriculture uses in more residential zones - is having chickens, a market garden, an apiary, etc. allowable?