RESOLUTION 1075

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND PRESERVATION OF URBAN AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY FARMING WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, In 2011 the City of Lacey Planning Commission developed the City of Lacey's Urban Agriculture LMC subsequently adopted by the Lacey City Council; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable community takes a systems perspective and recognizes that people, nature, and the economy are all affected by their actions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lacey supports community farming on both public and private property, and will establish procedures and partnerships which lead to community resilience, sustainability, and access to healthy foods through urban agriculture for the benefit of Lacey residents; and

WHEREAS, urban agriculture takes many forms such as community gardens, edible trails, food forests, etc., and builds community coherence, and volunteers who come together to create gardens; and

WHEREAS, urban agriculture provides opportunities for people to invest in their community, and take pride in accomplishment and achievement; and

WHEREAS, community farming provides food justice; easy access to healthy, seasonal food for people of all economic backgrounds, improving nutrition and food security among residents; and

WHEREAS, urban agriculture provides exercise opportunities such as garden labor, and promotes mental health; and

WHEREAS, urban agriculture contributes to the preservation of, access to, and use of open space, vacant lots; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan put forward the goal to develop diversified parks that encourage social interaction, cultivate community spirit, and strengthen the livability of Lacey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The City of Lacey hereby supports the creation of urban agriculture and community farming and will establish policies, goals and procedures to support the vision of sustainability.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. The City of Lacey will work with non-profit organizations, gardeners and neighborhood groups to identify public and private land suitable for community gardens.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, this 23rd day of May, 2019.

CITY COUNCIL

BY:

Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

City Attorney