



Is Your Community Food Friendly?

A Checklist to Gauge Local Support for Food in Your Community

DOES YOUR COMMUNITY...

Prioritize food access and health

...have a section on food access and health in your comprehensive plan or other community plan (e.g., economic development, food system, or sustainability plans)? YES NO

...have zoning policies that support food access and health (e.g., special use districts for food facilities, infrastructure, and promotion)? YES NO

...have ordinances that allow residents to raise poultry, bees, and/or livestock for their own consumption. YES NO

...support a "Food in All Policies" strategy (a collaborative approach that incorporates food considerations into decision-making across government sectors)? YES NO

...have a food system resolution or charter to express commitment to urban agriculture and/or community food systems? YES NO

...have a food policy council or other multi-stakeholder group to identify and propose ways to support local food production and access to healthy foods? YES NO

Improve food access

...host or encourage the development of farmers markets, CSAs, and other direct-to-consumer channels to bring healthy food to underserved neighborhoods? YES NO

...offer EBT, WIC, and Senior Farmers' Market coupon programs at farmers markets or other direct sales outlets to improve food access for community members of all economic backgrounds? YES NO

...support programs that increase the value of SNAP benefits and farmers market coupons (e.g., Double Up Bucks)? YES NO

...allow for mobile markets and mobile food vending allowances to bring fresh produce and other healthy foods to underserved neighborhoods? YES NO

Encourage health and wellness

...use zoning to increase the availability of healthy food options and/or restrict unhealthy options (e.g., incentives to grocery developers, limits on fast food establishments)? YES NO

...support healthy food financing initiatives to attract supermarkets and grocery stores to underserved communities? YES NO

...have healthy food retail incentives or regulations to ensure local food retailers stock ingredients necessary for a healthy diet? YES NO

...promote nutrition guidelines, support nutrition education and school wellness policies to promote wellness and encourage healthy eating? YES NO

...promote healthy eating through a marketing campaign (i.e., "Eat Well" campaign)? YES NO

Support emergency food programs

...provide emergency food funding to support community food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens? YES NO

...encourage and/or coordinate emergency food procurement and distribution to make excess food and nonmarketable fresh goods available to low-income residents? YES NO

...support gleaning programs to collect produce from farms, farmers markets, community gardens, and other sources to provide nutritious food to people in need? YES NO