

# OFFICE OF URBAN AGRICULTURE TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION

D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §47-868 "REDUCED TAX LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN URBAN FARMS"

Tax Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1) PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Legal Entity (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Farm or Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## 2) PROPERTY AND FARM DETAILS

Square, Suffix, Lot or Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Property/Lot Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_  
(total floor area in sq/ft)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_

(minimum 2,500 sq/ft, provide the total area used exclusively as a farm in sq/ft)

\*If the farm is located on the ground, provide the area of the lot listed above on which the farm is located.

\*If the farm is located in a building provide the gross building area.

\*If the farm is located on a building, provide the total gross building area plus roof area.

Percentage of property used as a farm: \_\_\_\_\_

If the farm is located on a building or other improvement located on the property, provide the % percentage of the improvement used exclusively as an urban farm \_\_\_\_\_

For rooftop farms provide the gross building area including the roof area \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the farm is on a building or other improvement then use the equation: Square footage of the farm divided by the gross floor area (GFA) of the building (in sq/ft).

\*If the farm is in a building or other improvement then use the equation: Square footage of farm divided by the gross floor area (GFA) of the building (in sq/ft).

State the total time that the farm area is in use as a farm \_\_\_\_\_  
(use beginning and end days of the month only for example 10/31/18-7/1/2019)

Is your property exempt from real property tax (sec. 47-1005(c)) \_\_\_\_\_

## 3) SITE MAP

Provide as an attachment a simple visual representation, i.e., site map, of the proposed farm site and its size in relation to the parcel of land. Include the area and dimensions of the farm and the property in feet. Also indicate the percentage of the approximate proportion of the property that will be used for farming on the site map. For example, if the lot size is 5,000 sq. ft. and your fields are 3,500 sq. ft., the proportion used for agriculture is 70% ( $3,500/5,000 = 0.7$ , i.e. 70)

## 4) PLANTING PLAN

Discuss the types of farming you plan to conduct including what you plan to grow. Provide an attached three (3)-year planting plan in table format that includes your total anticipated crop yield for each crop that you'll be growing. (See attached example.)

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## 5) SOIL TESTING

Provide evidence that the soil on the real property has been tested and found to be substantially free from arsenic, lead, and heavy metals and safe for use in the growth of produce fit for human consumption. Soil tests must be able to test for all heavy metals and contaminants including lead, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, nickel, mercury, copper, and zinc at a minimum. The applicant may waive this requirement if it instead certifies that it will not plant in or use the site soil from the property but instead uses, for example, raised beds, greenhouses, or hydroponic towers.

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## 6) FARM PRE-CERTIFICATION

Certify the beginning dates (and anticipated end date) in which the portion of the property applying for the tax abatement will be continually in use as a farm.

***\*All farms will be verified before official certification is issued***

**BEGINNING DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **END DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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The Applicant hereby certifies to the District of Columbia and its Department of Energy and Environment that as of the date set forth below, the undersigned is an authorized signatory of the Applicant and that the information set forth above is true, correct and complete. Penalty for making false statements is a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both, as prescribed in the D.C. Official Code §22-2405. Penalty for false swearing is a fine of not more than \$2,500, imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both, as prescribed in the D.C. Official Code §22-2404.

The applicant's farming sites shall be responsible to be in accordance with all applicable District laws and requirements including DC Zoning regulations and the Office of Tax Revenue.

**NAME OF OWNER** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF FARMER** (IF DIFFERENT FROM THE OWNER) \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER/S** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF FARMER** (IF DIFFERENT FROM THE OWNER) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7) CONTACT INFORMATION

If the applicant has any questions or concerns regarding the completion of this application please contact:

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