

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A  
OF THE CITY CODE –ZONING ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:**

Section 1. Appendix A, "Zoning" of the Code of the City of Charlotte is hereby amended as follows:

A. CHAPTER 12: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

1. PART 5: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN USES

- a. Modify Section 12.539, "Outdoors Seasonal Fresh Produce Stands", which adds requirements to allow Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands as an accessory use in residential, office, and institutional districts and as a use with prescribed conditions in other zoning districts. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 12.539. Outdoors Seasonal Fresh Produce Stands**

Because outdoors-seasonal fresh produce stands encourage greater consumption of fruits and vegetables, thereby improving the quality of life in the communities within the city and contributing to the nutritional health of the people of Charlotte, they are treated as a special case in the Charlotte Zoning Code. Regulations for these activities are specific.

~~Furthermore, the 90-day limit at a site, which is associated with "temporary use," is expanded to 180 days (April 15 to October 15) for, and only for, outdoors seasonal fresh produce stands.~~

~~Outdoors-seasonal fresh produce vendor(s) stands are limited to the natural season-time span, and~~ may sell all types of fresh produce, including but not limited to tomatoes, squash, corn, cucumbers, beans, berries, melons, apples, pears, peaches, citrus fruit, root vegetables, green vegetables, pie pumpkins, nuts, or other fruits or vegetables. In addition to fresh produce in non-residential districts, up to 10% of the total sales area may be used to sell fruit or vegetable derived products. ~~or baked goods.~~ Outdoor ~~seasonal~~ fresh produce stands are not intended to include the sale of Christmas trees, Halloween pumpkins, plants or flowers, which are regulated in Section 12.519. Outdoors-seasonal fresh produce stands shall be permitted in all districts subject to the following prescribed conditions:

- (1) The produce stand operator must obtain a zoning permit from the Zoning Administrator or designee. which describes the type of sales involved, the location, and the duration of the sales operation. The permit for the outdoor fresh produce stand shall be valid from January 1 to December 31, unless a shorter duration is noted.
- (2) ~~Outdoors seasonal fresh produce stands are permitted in the UR-C, B-1, B-2 and CC zoning districts.~~ Residential Districts: The use shall only be allowed in residential districts as an accessory use to an institutional use located on a lot abutting a major thoroughfare, not to exceed 750 square feet of the lot area for all stand(s). The lot must be a legal conforming lot that is in compliance with all zoning regulations.
- (3) Office and Institutional Districts: The use shall be allowed in institutional and office zoning districts as an accessory use to an institution or office use not to exceed 1500 square feet of the lot for all stand(s). The lot must be a legal conforming lot that is in compliance with all zoning regulations.
- (4) All Other Districts: The use shall not exceed 1500 square feet of the lot for all stand(s). The lot must be a legal conforming lot that is in compliance with all zoning regulations.
- (35) ~~The outdoors seasonal fresh produce stand(s) operator(s)/owner(s)~~ must be located on a lot occupied by another non-residential use.
- ~~(4-6)~~ The owner of the property, if not the same as the outdoor ~~seasonal~~ fresh produce stand(s) vendor(s), shall give written permission to each vendor.
- (5) ~~The use shall be located on a Class III, III-C, or IV street.~~
- (6 7) ~~Outdoor seasonal fresh product stands may operate all year, at a site for up to 180 days, but only between April 15 and October 15.~~
- (8) Five off-street parking spaces shall be provided for the use all outdoor fresh produce stand(s) on the same parcel. Shared parking agreements are permitted, as per Section 12.203.
- (7 9) ~~The use shall not involve or require the construction of a permanent building.~~ In the residential, office, or institutional zoning districts, no buildings are permitted in association with fresh produce stands.
- (10) In all zoning districts other than residential, office or institutional, if a structure is utilized, the following standards shall be met:
  - (a10) The produce stand shall be open on two or more sides and shall be consistent with the design and architecture of surrounding structures. The outdoor fresh produce stand

structure shall be limited to a stand mounted on a licensed and road worthy trailer. The stand portion shall consist of a finished wooden structure with a pitched roof, built on a steel trailer with wheels and axles remaining in place.

- ~~(11)~~ Customers shall purchase from the outside perimeter of the stand, while only operators are permitted inside.
- ~~(12)~~ Permitted produce stand designs for stands allowed up to 90 days include 1) a grouping of display counters, without walls, that are sheltered by a fabric covered roof, or tent, and 2) a stand mounted on a licensed and road worthy trailer (wheels may remain in place, but the towing hitch and tongue shall be covered or removed so it does not pose a safety hazard and is not visible on the perimeter of the stand).
- ~~(13)~~ Permitted produce stand designs allowed up to 180 days is limited to a stand mounted on a licensed and road worthy trailer. The following requirements apply to the produce stand:
  - ~~(a)~~ The stand portion shall consist of a finished wooden structure with a pitched roof, built on a steel trailer with wheels and axles remaining in place.
  - (b) During setup, The towing hitch and tongue shall be covered or removed so it does not pose a safety hazard and is not visible on the perimeter of the stand.
  - (c) During setup, Finished wooden display counters and skirting materials shall be provided to conceal tires, axles, and the tongue for a more aesthetic appearance. Finished display counters may be added around the perimeter of the trailer, in such a way that they are integrated into the design of the stand.
  - (d) The license plate shall remain visible at all times.
  - ~~(e)~~ A commercially manufactured refrigerator or walk-in cooler may be provided inside the stand.
  - (fe) A removable or folding awning may be added or erected during setup to shield the produce from sun and rain but not extend more than 5 feet beyond the base area.
- ~~(14)~~ Hours of operation shall be from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- ~~(15)~~ Signage is only allowed on the stand. One identification sign not exceeding 15 square feet may be attached to the produce stand. This sign may remain in place throughout the sales season. No detached signs are allowed.

- ~~(1613)~~ ~~The use, including all sale items, parking, and maneuvering shall observe a setback of 20 feet and shall not be located in the sight distance triangle. The setback for all sale items and parking shall be the setback of the district, but not less than 20 feet from the right-of-way.~~
- (14) In all zoning districts, a temporary fabric-covered canopy or tent is permitted, up to 90 days, under a separate temporary zoning permit, independent of the outdoor fresh produce stand permit.
- (15) If a produce stand is inactive or discontinued for more than 14 days, the permit shall expire and a new permit is required.
- ~~(4816)~~ The produce stand operator is responsible for the removal of all trash and spoiled product on a daily basis, and, at the conclusion of the season or termination of the permit, the operator must remove all vestige of the operation, including, but no limited to canopies, tents, tables, counters, coolers, trailers and signs.
- (17) There shall be only one of the following uses or events on the same lot at the same time: ~~Outdoors Seasonal~~ Fresh Produce Stand(s) or Periodic Retail Sales Event (either off-premise or on-premise), or Outdoor Seasonal Sales event. ~~held at any one time on a lot.~~
- (18) All other applicable Federal, State and Local Codes shall be met for the use and items sold.

## B CHAPTER 9: GENERAL DISTRICTS

### 1. PART 1: TABLE OF USES AND HIERARCHY OF DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Table 9.101, "Table of Uses" by adding "Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands" as a permitted use with prescribed conditions in all zoning districts, under the "Other Uses" category. The revised table insertion shall read as follows:

Other Uses:									
	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	R-8	R-8MF	R-12MF	R-17MF	R-22MF
<u>Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>

Other Uses:									
	R-43MF	UR-1	UR-2	UR-3	UR-C	MX-1	MX-2	MX-3	INST
<u>Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>

Other Uses:												
	O-1	O-2	O-3	RE-1	RE-2	RE-3	B-1	B-2	BD	BP	CC	NS
<u>Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>

Other Uses:								
	MUDD	UMUD	UI	I-1	I-2	TOD-M	TOD-R	TOD-E
<u>Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>

- b. Amend Table 9.101, “Table of Uses” by removing Outdoor Seasonal Fresh Produce Stands from allowed uses under prescribed conditions.

	B-1	B-2	UR-C	CC
<del>Outdoor Seasonal Fresh Produce Stands</del>	<del>PC</del>	<del>PC</del>	<del>PC</del>	<del>PC</del>

## 2. PART 2: SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.203, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stand as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order, as a new item “12.1”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

### **Section 9.203. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(12.1) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

## C. CHAPTER 9: GENERAL DISTRICTS

### 1. PART 3: MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.303, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “17.1”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

### **Section 9.303. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(17.1) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

### 2. PART 4: URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.404, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, by deleting the term “seasonal” from “Outdoor Seasonal Fresh Produce Stands”, and deleting the restriction that the use shall only be permitted in the UR-C zoning district. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.404. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(3.1) Outdoor ~~Seasonal~~ Fresh Produce Stands, (~~UR-C only~~) subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

3. PART 5: INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.503, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “13.1”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.503. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(13.1) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

4. PART 6: RESEARCH DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.603, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, by deleting the term “RESERVED” from use (14) and replacing it with “Outdoor fresh produce stands” as a permitted use with prescribed conditions. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.603. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(14) ~~[RESERVED]~~ Outdoor fresh produce stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

5. PART 7: OFFICE DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.703, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “20.2”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.703. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(20.2) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

6. PART 8: BUSINESS DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.803, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, by deleting the term “Seasonal” from “Outdoor Seasonal Fresh Produce Stands”, and removing the restriction to allow the use only in the B-1 and B-2 zoning districts. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.803. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(26.1) Outdoor ~~Seasonal~~ Fresh Produce Stands, (~~B-1 and B-2 only~~) subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

7. PART 8.5: MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.8503, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.8503. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

8. PART 9: UPTOWN MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.903, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “14.4”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.903. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(14.4) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

9. PART 10: URBAN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

- a. Amend Section 9.1003, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “6.01”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.1003. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(6.01) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

10. PART 11: INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.1103, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “35.1”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.1103. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(35.1) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

11. PART 12: TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.1206, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “7.1”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.1206. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(7.1) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

D. CHAPTER 11: CONDITIONAL ZONING DISTRICTS

1. PART 2: MIXED-USE DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 11.203, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to add outdoor fresh produce stands as a permitted use with prescribed conditions, in alphabetical order as a new item “12.1”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 11.203. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(12.1) Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.

2. PART 4: COMMERCIAL CENTER DISTRICT

- a. Amend Section 11.403, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, by deleting the term, “seasonal” from “outdoor seasonal fresh produce stands” and updating the section reference to Section 12.539. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 11.403. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(8.1) Outdoor ~~Seasonal~~ Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.5369.

3. PART 7: RE-3 RESEARCH DISTRICT

- a. Amend Section 11.703, “Uses permitted under prescribed conditions”, to replace the term “RESERVED” in item (14) with “Outdoor fresh produce stands”. The remaining subsections shall remain unchanged. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 11.703. Uses permitted under prescribed conditions.**

(14) [RESERVED] Outdoor Fresh Produce Stands, subject to the regulations of Section 12.539.



Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

I, \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted  
by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, the reference having been made in Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_,  
and recorded in full in Ordinance Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page(s)\_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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