

**Urban farming /agriculture** can be defined as growing fruits, herbs, and vegetables and raising animals in cities, a process that is accompanied by many other complementary activities such as processing and distributing food, collecting and reusing food waste and rainwater, and educating, organizing, and employing local residents.



## Urban Agriculture businesses include (but are not limited to):

- Urban Farms
  - Food
  - Herbs
  - Flower
- Local Food Distribution Centers/Food Hubs
- Compost/Soil Creation
- Farm Stand/Market
- Seed Supply
- Goat Farming
- Chicken Farming
- Bee Farming

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## Get Legal and Get Going!

### Step 1: Register your business with the City.

- Contact the [Department of Finance](#) located on the **2nd Floor** of the City-County Building (412-255-2541, Opt. 5).

### Step 2: You've found a space for your biz, now what?

- Check your space on the [Zoning Map](#) and contact the Dept. of City Planning [Zoning Division](#) to verify if you need a permit. 200 Ross Street, 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15219 (412-255-2200).

### Step 3: Need Land? The City may have a vacant lot for you!

- Contact the [Department of City Planning](#) located on the **4th Floor** of 200 Ross Street, Pittsburgh PA, 15219 (412.255.2287).

### Step 4: Renovating? Constructing? Moving in? Get your permit!

- Contact the [Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections](#) located at 200 Ross Street, 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh PA, 15219 (412-255-2175) Print and complete necessary forms (available online). Submit to PLI.

### Step 5: Will your business use public space? Parking? Signage?

**Dumpsters? If so, you'll need another permit for that!** Get it through Public Works. Contact the [Department of Public Works](#), 611 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh PA, 15219 (412-255-2529).

- Complete the [Permit Info Form](#) online to request additional info.

### Step 6: Selling food?

- Contact the [Allegheny County Health Department](#), 3901 Penn Avenue, Bldg 1, Pittsburgh, PA 15224 (412-578-7921).
- Attend a Food Protection certification course & schedule your Food Facility inspection.