

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Craig Barker, Community Development Director

Date: November 2, 2010

Subject: Public Hearing Amending Agriculture in the North Ogden City Zoning Ordinance

The North Ogden City Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended that the City Council approve the following ordinance amendment. Section 10-9A-205 of the LUDMA law requires that the City Council hold public hearings on amendments to any Land Use Ordinance.

Attached are the proposed changes made by the Planning Commission. Past revisions of the City Zoning Ordinance have, for an unknown reason, eliminated agriculture as an allowed use in North Ogden City. Land heretofore never farmed, gardened, or used for an orchard could not be brought into production in most areas of the City. It also means that historically farmed areas where agricultural uses have been given up could not be brought back under cultivation. As is readily discernable, the keeping track of this could be a nightmare. It seems both practical and desirable, with the agricultural heritage of this community, that this agriculture should be a valued use of land.