

CITY OF SEQUIM
RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-01

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
SEQUIM'S NEW VICTORY GARDENS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, city spends a considerable amount of time and money ensuring that their water system is maintained for its citizens and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sequim recognizes the value of maintaining the attractiveness of all vegetative areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sequim would like to encourage its citizens to participate in water conservation programs to help educate their community of the importance to conserve the scarce resource; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sequim would like to support the idea of providing its citizens with healthy food for their families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sequim would like to support programs which promote social well-being, environmentally friendly and innovative community projects.

NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEQUIM, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The City shall adopt the attached policy for Sequim's New Victory Gardens Program

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEQUIM, WASHINGTON, this _____ day of _____, 2010, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Ken Hays, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Craig A. Ritchie
City Attorney



By implementing a joint pilot project involving The City, Community Organic Gardens of Sequim (COGS) a managed project under “Friends of the Fields” and willing local businesses, we can create a demonstration of how taking charge of small parcels of land can help provide people with healthy food for their families, friends and neighbors. This modest proposal requires nominal City input and offers the City an opportunity to consider whether it might be able to encourage its citizens to create more rewarding, attractive and healthy personal spaces while they take small steps toward greater food security for our area.

The goal of this program is to increase the awareness of people and neighborhoods of their ability to have a hand in providing healthy, inexpensive food for their families, friends and the Food Bank while engaging in water conserving practices.

Participant requirements

- Be connected to City water.
- Have the desire to grow organic their food organically.
- Be one of the first 15 whose applications are received.
- Participants shall agree to use either drip/soaker or hand irrigation, (no over-head watering).
- In-ground plots shall be at least 100 square feet.
- Raised beds shall be held in place by boards at least 5” tall, and need to provide a total of at least 90 square feet of growing space. (Equal to approx. 3, 4x8’ beds).
- Container gardens need to encompass at least 15 square feet of growing space using at least 5 containers.
- One member of each participating household shall attend COGS classes that are designed to get them through their first year of growing organically. (This will include information on the required water conservation methods).

Successful participants will receive a \$15.00 water bill rebate.



REGISTRATION FORM

SEQUIM'S NEW VICTORY GARDENS PROGRAM

Your Name	Your Address	Your Phone Number	Your email address
Please describe your proposal:			

Participant _____

Address _____

Evaluator _____

Date _____

Criteria	1 - Poor	2 - Below average	3 - Average	4 - Above average	5 - Exceptional	Total Score
Creativeness						
Effort						
Water Conservation Techniques						
Exhibit pride in their property						
General Appearance						
Neighborhood impact						
Street appeal						
Production of produce and crops						
Total Score						