

DOCKET DC-22-0003: PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 Related to Composting Incidental to Farming- Text amendments to the Boulder County Land Use Code related to composting incidental to farming found in the Composting Facility use section 4-506.A and any other related Articles and provisions necessary to integrate these changes.

A brief summary of changes made to each code section is presented followed by proposed code text. A strike-through format is utilized to denote language suggested for deletion and an underline format is utilized to indicate suggested new changes or additions.

4-506 Industrial Uses

A . Composting Facility

- 1 . Definition: A facility where organic materials are converted into a humus-like material under a process of managed biological decomposition.
- 2 . Districts Permitted: By special review in A and GI
- 3 . Parking Requirements: One space per 1000 square feet of floor area .
- 4 . Loading Requirements: One space per 10,000 square feet of floor area .
- 5 . Additional Provisions:
 - a . ~~Backyard composting and composting incidental to farming operations are exempt from these requirements when:~~
 - ~~(i) None of the materials to be composted are collected on-site from the general public;~~
 - ~~(ii) Materials to be composted are limited to agricultural and yard by products such as plant material and manure;~~
 - ~~(iii) Composted material is not sold retail from the site;~~
 - ~~(iv) The location of the composting is at least 300 feet from any property line if more than 50 cubic yards of material is being composted at any one time; and~~
 - ~~(v) The total amount of active composting material does not exceed 1,000 cubic yards at any one time.~~
 - ~~(vi) No more than 1,500 cubic yards of composted material may be removed from the site in any 36 month period.~~
 - a b. In the General Industrial District, composting and composting incidental to operations are exempt from special use when:
 - (i) Materials to be composted are limited to organic materials;
 - (ii) The location of the composting is at least 300 feet from any property line if more than 50 cubic yards of material is being composted at any one time; and
 - (iii) The total amount of active composting material does not exceed 1,000 cubic yards at any one time.
 - b e. Organic materials include but are not limited to leaves, tree trimmings, untreated wood, shrubbery cuttings, or urea.

4-516 Accessory Uses

A. Accessory Agricultural Composting

1. Definition: The conversion of organic materials into a humus-like material (compost) under a process of managed biological decomposition, in a manner customary and incidental to a principal agricultural use.

2. Districts permitted: By right in F, A, RR, ER, T, B, C, LI, GI, and MI zone districts

3. Parking Requirements: None

4. Loading requirements: None

5. Additional provisions:

- a. Materials collected from off-site are limited to wood and vegetative waste, yard waste, and food waste separated from other waste materials at their origin point.
- b. The location of the composting is at least 300 feet from any property line if more than 50 cubic yards of material is being composted at any one time; and
- c. The total amount of active composting material does not exceed 1,000 cubic yards at any one time.
- d. No more than 1,500 cubic yards of composted material may be removed from the site in any 36 month period.
- e. All required state and federal licenses and permits shall be obtained from the appropriate regulatory agencies and shall be maintained in good standing.

Ensuing subsections will be renumbered, accordingly

N. Backyard Composting

1. Definition: The conversion of organic material into a humus-like material (compost) under a process of managed biological decomposition, in a manner customary and incidental to principal residential uses.

2. Districts Permitted: Permitted by right in all zone districts

3. Parking Requirements: None

4. Loading Requirements: None

5. Additional Provisions:

- a. Materials to be composted are limited to yard waste and food residuals typically generated on site.
- b. Composted material shall not be sold retail from the site.
- c. The total amount of active compost material does not exceed 5 cubic yards at any one time.
- d. The location of composting must meet the zone district setbacks if more than one cubic yard of material is being composted at any one time.

Ensuing subsections will be renumbered, accordingly

Article 18 Definitions

18-105 Agricultural Products

Products intended for direct human or animal use such as vegetables, fruits, dairy products, eggs, grains, meat, poultry, fish, honey, hay, bedding plants, flowers, herbs, ~~and wool,~~ and compost.

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