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To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Zoning Request!

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Dear City of Ames:

As a renter in Ames, I feel Ames is severely lacking in places to garden and grow food. Many apartment complexes do not allow renters to garden (they pay for inedible landscaping), and there doesn't appear to be community gardens anywhere either. (There are "some" neighborhood gardens, but generally plots aren't available).

I feel the only way to resolve this issue is for the city to adopt a zoning policy which requires gardening space for renters alongside every rental space that gets erected: space to garden should come part and parcel with apartment complexes.

Unfortunately such policy won't help the many of us who are currently renting: we can't afford a home loan so we're basically stuck renting, so I hope you will begin **prioritizing** ensuring access to soil for Ames Citizens.

In all honesty, I believe it should be Ames' most urgent agenda. It's that bad.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Sondra Wilson
Student