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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LAVENDER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 261, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the organic-ready city designation program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 261, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 261.330, to read as follows:

261.330. 1. There is hereby established the “Organic-Ready City Designation Program” within the department of agriculture as a voluntary program whereby any municipality may apply with the department to become designated as an organic-ready city if it meets the requirements of this section.

2. To qualify as an organic-ready city, a municipality shall:

(1) Not have any ordinances that discourage or prevent the use of locally grown organic food at local food service businesses;

(2) Not have any ordinances that discourage or prevent the establishment of community gardens;

(3) Not have ordinances that discourage or prevent a resident's ability to raise small animals on the resident's own property for consumption by the occupants of the property; and

(4) Establish an urban agricultural zone board, as set forth in section 262.900, for the promotion of urban agricultural zones within the municipality.

3. No later than March 31, 2016, the department of agriculture shall establish application requirements and review procedures for the organic-ready city designation program. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
19 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
20 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers
21 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
22 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
23 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015,
24 shall be invalid and void.

25 4. Any municipality that receives a designation as an organic-ready city shall
26 submit a report annually to the department of agriculture that will include, but not be
27 limited to, the following information:

28 (1) Any changes to ordinances or other factors necessary to meet the requirements
29 of this section;

30 (2) Any urban agricultural zones established in the previous year; and

31 (3) Any other information deemed necessary by the department of agriculture.
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33 The report required under this subsection shall be no longer than one page. The
34 department of agriculture shall allow for online submission of the report.

35 5. If the department determines that a municipality no longer meets the
36 requirements of this section, it may withdraw the organic-ready city designation.

37 6. The department of agriculture shall develop an organic-ready city logo. Any
38 municipality designated as organic-ready by the department of agriculture may use the
39 organic-ready city logo on any sign, brochure, website, or other marketing material.

40 7. Any municipality designated as organic-ready by the department of agriculture
41 may request the department of transportation to erect and maintain appropriate signs
42 designating it as organic-ready. If requested, the department of transportation shall erect
43 and maintain such signs, with the cost to be paid by the municipality.

44 8. The department of agriculture shall publish and maintain a list of all organic-
45 ready cities on its website.

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