

A property may be eligible to enter into a contract for tax reduction under the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone (UAIZ) Program as authorized by AB 551 if it meets all of the criteria:

1. The property is in an urban area, which is a Census-defined area containing at least 250,000 people, as defined in Section 51040.3(a) of the California Government Code.
2. The property is not located, wholly or partially, within a Significant Ecological Area, Sensitive Environmental Resource Area, or a National Recreation Area.
3. The property contains no residences and/or habitable structures.
4. The property has an area between 0.10 acre and three acres in size.
5. One hundred percent of the property shall be available for, and devoted or dedicated to, agricultural use.
6. The property shall be continuously used for agricultural purposes for a minimum period of five years. If the growing of crops is proposed, the property shall be cultivated for at least six months during each 12-month period, or at least two crop rotations per 12-month period.
7. The property shall be limited to agricultural land uses as defined in Section 51040.3(c) of the California Government Code, and also be limited to the uses permitted or conditionally permitted by the zone in Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code. The State defines an agricultural use as farming in all its branches, including but not limited to:
 - a. The cultivation and tillage of the soil;
 - b. Production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural products;
 - c. The raising of livestock, bees, fur-bearing animals, dairy-producing animals, and poultry;
 - d. Agricultural education;
 - e. The sale of produce through field retail stands or farm stands as defined by Section 47030 et. seq. of the California Food and Agricultural Code; and
 - f. Any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as an incident to or in conjunction with farming operations. The State code excludes timber production and harvesting.
8. Land use approvals shall be obtained prior to applying for a contract.
9. The property shall be utilized by agricultural use(s) within 90 days after the contract is recorded.
10. Any proposed animal keeping shall conform to all required Animal Care and Control and Public Health regulations, including applicable setbacks from adjacent habitable structures.