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SENATE BILL No. 14

DIGEST OF SB 14 (Updated January 16, 2025 11:24 am - DI 87)

Citations Affected: IC 36-7.

Synopsis: Vegetable gardens and livestock. Prohibits a county, city, or town (unit) from adopting or enforcing an ordinance that prevents a person from cultivating a vegetable garden on property in a residential zoning district (residential property). Allows a unit to adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that imposes the same standards and requirements as those imposed on other residential property. Allows a unit to adopt ordinances and regulations regarding the keeping of livestock on residential property. Prohibits a unit from adopting an ordinance or regulation prohibiting an agricultural use on property that is zoned for agricultural use.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 21, 2025, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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SENATE BILL No. 14

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-7-2.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]:
4 **Chapter 2.6. Vegetable Gardens and Livestock in Residential**
5 **Districts**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "livestock" has the meaning set**
7 **forth in IC 15-11-5-1.**
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "residential property" means**
9 **property that is zoned under IC 36-7-4 for residential use.**
10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "vegetable garden" means**
11 **property wholly located within a person's residential property that**
12 **is used to grow produce, herbs, fungi, or grains for one's own**
13 **consumption and enjoyment.**
14 **Sec. 4. A unit may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or**
15 **regulation that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting a person**
16 **from cultivating a vegetable garden on:**
17 **(1) the person's residential property; or**

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- 1 (2) the residential property of another person with the
2 permission of the property owner.
- 3 **Sec. 5. A unit may adopt ordinances and regulations imposing**
4 **standards and requirements on residential property containing a**
5 **vegetable garden if the standards and requirements are the same**
6 **as those imposed on other residential property, including standards**
7 **and requirements regarding:**
- 8 (1) height;
9 (2) setback;
10 (3) water use;
11 (4) fertilizer use; or
12 (5) control of invasive or unlawful species;
- 13 **to the extent that the standards and requirements do not conflict**
14 **with section 4 of this chapter.**
- 15 **Sec. 6. A unit may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations**
16 **that restrict the keeping of livestock on residential property,**
17 **including restrictions on:**
- 18 (1) the types of livestock;
19 (2) the number of livestock;
20 (3) accessory buildings required for housing livestock; or
21 (4) the square footage of property required for the keeping of
22 livestock.
- 23 **Sec. 7. This chapter does not impair the terms of any contract,**
24 **including the governing documents (as defined in IC 32-25.5-2-3)**
25 **of a homeowners association.**
- 26 SECTION 2. IC 36-7-2.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
27 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2025]:
- 29 **Chapter 2.7. Agricultural Uses on Agricultural Property**
- 30 **Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the regulation of**
31 **beekeeping by a unit under IC 36-1-28-1.**
- 32 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "agricultural property" means**
33 **property that is zoned under IC 36-7-4 for agricultural use.**
- 34 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "agricultural use" has the**
35 **meaning set forth in IC 36-7-4-616 and IC 36-7-11.1-13.1.**
- 36 **Sec. 4. A unit may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or**
37 **regulation that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting an**
38 **agricultural use on:**
- 39 (1) the person's agricultural property; or
40 (2) the agricultural property of another person with the
41 permission of the owner.
- 42 **Sec. 5. Nothing in this chapter prevents a unit from rezoning the**



1 **property to a use that is not an agricultural use. If the property is**
2 **rezoned, the use may be continued as an agricultural**
3 **nonconforming use under IC 36-7-4-616 or 36-7-11.1-13.1.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 14, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 1. IC 36-7-2.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

Chapter 2.6. Vegetable Gardens and Livestock in Residential Districts

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "livestock" has the meaning set forth in IC 15-11-5-1.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "residential property" means property that is zoned under IC 36-7-4 for residential use.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "vegetable garden" means property wholly located within a person's residential property that is used to grow produce, herbs, fungi, or grains for one's own consumption and enjoyment."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 4. A unit may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting a person from cultivating a vegetable garden on:

- (1) the person's residential property; or**
- (2) the residential property of another person with the permission of the property owner.**

Sec. 5. A unit may adopt ordinances and regulations imposing standards and requirements on residential property containing a vegetable garden if the standards and requirements are the same as those imposed on other residential property, including standards and requirements regarding:

- (1) height;**
- (2) setback;**
- (3) water use;**
- (4) fertilizer use; or**
- (5) control of invasive or unlawful species;**

to the extent that the standards and requirements do not conflict with section 4 of this chapter.

Sec. 6. A unit may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations



that restrict the keeping of livestock on residential property, including restrictions on:

- (1) the types of livestock;
- (2) the number of livestock;
- (3) accessory buildings required for housing livestock; or
- (4) the square footage of property required for the keeping of livestock."

Page 2, line 14, delete "2." and insert "7."

Page 2, line 14, delete ":".

Page 2, delete lines 15 through 17.

Page 2, line 18, delete "(2)".

Page 2, run in lines 14 through 18.

Page 2, after line 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 36-7-2.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

Chapter 2.7. Agricultural Uses on Agricultural Property

Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the regulation of beekeeping by a unit under IC 36-1-28-1.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "agricultural property" means property that is zoned under IC 36-7-4 for agricultural use.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "agricultural use" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-7-4-616 and IC 36-7-11.1-13.1.

Sec. 4. A unit may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting an agricultural use on:

- (1) the person's agricultural property; or
- (2) the agricultural property of another person with the permission of the owner.

Sec. 5. Nothing in this chapter prevents a unit from rezoning the property to a use that is not an agricultural use. If the property is rezoned, the use may be continued as an agricultural nonconforming use under IC 36-7-4-616 or 36-7-11.1-13.1."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 14 as introduced.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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