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St. Alban's Community Organic Garden Rules

St. Alban's Community Garden is operated by St. Alban's Episcopal Church and its gardeners on church land, with oversight from the St. Alban's Community Garden Committee. Our continued use of this land depends on maintaining good relationships with the community, the surrounding neighborhood, and St. Alban's Church. We must all respect the interests of our fellow gardeners and the community that we share our gardening space with. To promote this and to ensure that the needs of the Garden and the Church and relevant Town of Davidson ordinances are met, the St. Alban's Committee requires all gardeners to agree to and abide by these rules.

St. Alban's Community Organic Garden Agreement

St. Alban's Community Garden adheres to organic gardening techniques, which are methods that are people, plant, animal, and environmentally friendly for the health and well being of all. No herbicides, non-organic pesticides, non-organic fertilizer, or any other chemicals or preservatives, may be used at any time in the garden. Failure to follow these regulations will result in forfeiture of your garden plot without refund.

The St. Alban's Community Garden Committee provides organic gardening education through a series of yearly seminars and access to group of Master Gardener/Composters volunteering in the garden.

Plot Rental: The annual garden plot rental fee is \$80 for a 4' X 8' (32 square feet) plot, payable no later than May 1 for new gardeners and Good Friday for returning gardeners (who want to keep their same plot). Garden plots will be protected by a gated six-foot security fence. **Water:** Water will be provided by St. Alban's Church. Renters must provide adequate hose and sprinkler for their own garden site and must water themselves. Renters must be present while watering. (Future plot rent will be determined by water usage). **Maintenance:** Gardeners must be actively working in their plot by Memorial Day Weekend or the plot will be forfeited to someone on the waiting list. Plot holders promise to devote reasonable amounts of time to the maintenance and improvement of the plot throughout the gardening season. All paths and plots must be kept free of grass, weeds, trash, etc. by the plot holders. Please do not let your plants creep into the aisles or into your neighbor's plot. Any fertilization, mulching, etc. is the responsibility of the renter. **Harvesting:** Crops must be harvested once they are mature. Please notify a Community Garden Committee Member if you have harvested all you desire, and wish to donate the remainder. If you want someone to work your plot or pick your vegetables while you are away, please give them a

signed note. After the first frost, all dead plants, weeds, and stakes must be removed from your plot and compost materials may be placed in compost pile. The compost pile is only for the use of the Community Gardeners and should only be used for compost, yard waste, or wood chips, no trash shall be deposited therein. All trash shall be removed from plot and garden area. **Release of Liability:** St. Alban's Episcopal Church and the St. Alban's Community Organic Garden Committee will be free of any and all liability from injury or acts of vandalism, destructive storms, insect infestations, or any other loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden. Taking anything from the garden such as vegetables, tools, hoses, plants, etc., is not permitted and will result in forfeiture of your garden plot without refund. (Please insert standard St. Alban's Liability language here).

Garden Committee: Any rule added to these bylaws must be approved by the majority of the St. Alban's Community Organic Garden Committee. Any conflicts among gardeners may be brought to the committee for support in resolution.

GARDEN SPACE RENTAL CONTRACT

I, _____, having rented garden site # _____, for the _____ growing season, do hereby agree to the above stipulations which I have read and received a copy of. Dated this _____ day of _____.

Name (Signature) _____

Address _____

Phone _____