

# AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

## PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

*The City of Visalia has initiated the development of an Agricultural Preservation Ordinance. The ordinance, once adopted, will require development that converts Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance to preserve equivalent land in an agricultural conservation easement.*

### **What is agricultural preservation?**

Agricultural preservation uses a number of techniques to slow the conversion of farmland to urban uses. Establishing agricultural conservation easements is one strategy that can help prevent the loss of farmland to non-agricultural uses.

### **Why adopt an agricultural preservation ordinance?**

The City of Visalia adopted its General Plan in 2014, which plans development and growth in the City until 2030. The City is adopting an agricultural preservation ordinance to implement policies identified in the General Plan.

### **How will the ordinance affect me?**

The agricultural preservation ordinance will require development projects within the City that convert important farmland to urban uses to conserve farmland outside of the City or pay an in-lieu fee. These requirements may impact the cost of development.

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[https://www.visalia.city/depts/community\\_development/planning/agricultural\\_preservation\\_ordinance.asp](https://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/planning/agricultural_preservation_ordinance.asp)

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