

TITLE 3 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

CHAPTER 3-2 ANIMALS AND ANIMAL CONTROL

Article 3-2-E BEEKEEPING

Section 3-2-E-1 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.

The City Council finds that there is a need to regulate and set minimum standards for the keeping of bees within the corporate limits of the City to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents. This shall apply to those persons or entities who presently possess beehives or who intend to possess beehives in the future.

Section 3-2-E-2 COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, establish or maintain any hive, stand, box or apiary or keep any bees in or upon any premises within the corporate limits of the City, unless the bees are kept in accordance with the provisions of this Article and any zoning restrictions set out in [Title 4](#) of this Code.*

See [Section 4-1-B-24-F-4](#) of this Code.

Section 3-2-E-3 PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE.

Any person keeping hives, stands, boxes or apiaries in accordance with [Section 3-2-E-4](#) of this Article and any zoning restrictions set out in [Title 4](#) of this Code* shall be required to obtain a permit from the City. The permit shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

A fee for said permit will be required, the amount of which shall be as provided by ordinance or resolution or as otherwise permitted. The permit fee will be due upon initial application and each subsequent year of renewal, and will not be prorated if purchased for less than a year.

See [Section 4-1-B-24-F-4](#) of this Code.

Section 3-2-E-4 HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND LOCATION; NUMBER RESTRICTED.

- A. Type of Houses: All bee colonies shall be kept in Langstroth-type hives with removable frames which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.
- B. Height: The height of any one hive shall not exceed five feet (5').
- C. Location: No hive, stand or apiary shall be placed or kept:
 - 1. Closer than fifty feet (50') to the property line of any adjoining developed property; or
 - 2. Closer than one hundred feet (100') to any house or other building located on developed property other than the residence of the keeper of such bees; or

3. Closer than one hundred feet (100') to the nearest edge of the traveled portion of a public street; or
 4. Upon land not owned or possessed by the keeper of such bees without first obtaining written permission to do so from the owner or person lawfully in possession of such land. Such permission may be revoked at any time.
- D. Number of Beehives: No more than two (2) beehives shall be placed or kept in a location which is between one hundred feet (100') and six hundred feet (600') from a house or other building located on developed property, other than the residence of the keeper of such bees.
- E. Future Development of Adjacent Property: In the event that any adjacent undeveloped property is developed, or residential structures are constructed closer than the distances herein prescribed, the keeper shall move or, if necessary, remove such hives, stands, boxes or apiaries to comply with these regulations.

See [Section 3-2-B-10](#) of this Chapter, and [Section 4-1-B-24-F](#) of this Code.

Section 3-2-E-5 SIGN REQUIREMENTS ON PROPERTY OTHER THAN OWNER'S.

Every person owning a hive, stand, box or apiary located on premises other than where he resides shall identify such hive, stand, box or apiary by a sign or other prominent marking stating in letters at least one inch (1") high on a contrasting background the name, address and phone number of the owner of such equipment.

See [Article 4-1-E](#) of this Code for sign provisions.

Section 3-2-E-6 BARRIER.

Any owner of a beehive maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier six feet (6') in height consisting of a solid wall, fence or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line and extends ten feet (10') beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six feet (6') above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.

See [Section 4-1-B-24-F-5](#) of this Code for fence requirements.

Section 3-2-E-7 REQUIRED WATERING FACILITY.

Fresh, clean watering facilities for the bees shall be provided within twenty feet (20') of each hive, stand, box or apiary.

Section 3-2-E-8 VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

The violation of any provisions of this Article is a public offense, and any person convicted thereof shall be punished as provided in [Section 1-1-C-3](#) of this Code. Each day that any violation of this Article continues shall constitute a separate offense.