

ORDINANCE NO. 2005

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6-24 RELATING TO BEEKEEPING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD:

Section 1. Section 6-24-050 of the Broomfield Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

- (A) It is unlawful to keep bees in any zone of the city, except agricultural zones, as a trade, profession, occupation, enterprise, operation, vocation, avocation, hobby, or activity **and except as allowed under Section 6-24-050(D).**
- (B) For purposes of this section, *bees* means and includes any hymenopterous insects of the family *Apidae*, and the common hive or honey bee *Apis mellifera*.
- (C) For purposes of this section, agricultural zone means any property in the city zoned as an A-1 district or zoned as a PUD district with no approved site development plan.
- (D) **Beekeeping is allowed in single family zones subject to the following restrictions:**
 - (1) **Maximum number of hives per lot:**
 - (a) **One-quarter acre or less: two hives;**
 - (b) **More than one-quarter acre up to and including one-half acre: four hives**
 - (c) **More than one-half acre but less than one acre: six hives**
 - (d) **One acre or larger: eight hives**
 - (e) **Regardless of lot size, where all hives are situated at least 200 feet from all property lines of the lot on which the hives are located, there shall be no limit to the number of hives.**
 - (f) **For each two hives authorized above, there may be maintained upon the same lot one nucleus colony in a hive structure as required from time to time for management of swarms, said hive structure to comply with the other requirements of this section.**
 - (2) **Location: Hives shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from all property lines and shall not be located in a front yard.**
 - (3) **Flyway barrier: If a hive is within 25 feet of a property line a flyway barrier at least six feet tall extending at least two feet beyond the hive shall be maintained between the hive and property line. A privacy fence a minimum of six feet in height, on or inside the property line, meets this requirement.**
 - (4) **Water: A supply of fresh water shall be maintained on the lot in a location readily accessible to all bee colonies to keep bees from congregating at water sources on nearby properties.**
 - (5) **Africanized bees: Africanized bees are prohibited.**
 - (6) **Queens: If a colony becomes aggressive or swarms, the beekeeper shall re-queen the colony with a queen selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarmling characteristics.**
 - (7) **Nuisance: Any swarm or colony of bees not residing in a maintained hive structure is declared a nuisance. Any bee colonies not in compliance with this**

chapter or declared a nuisance may be destroyed or removed at the direction of the City and County Manager or his designee.

(8) License: The keeping of bees shall require a license issued by the Department of Community Development. The fee shall be a one-time fee of \$25.00.

(E) Failure to comply with these provisions shall constitute a violation of this code and shall be subject to the penalty provisions contained in chapter 1-12, B.M.C.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective 180 days after the publication following final passage.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED after first reading on February 10, 2015, and ordered published in full.

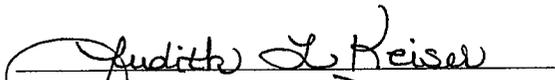
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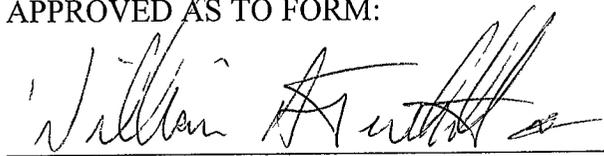


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City and County Clerk, Deputy

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