

Proposed Land Development Code locations: Table of Contents; Chapter 5: R-E – Use Table; Chapter 6: Residential Zone Districts – Accessory Uses; Chapter 12: table of contents and sections 12-2600 and 12-2700 (new sections to be added); Definitions

Note: Chicken-keeping regulations and bee-keeping regulations are separate amendments to the code.

SECTION 12-2700 BEE-KEEPING REGULATIONS

12-2701 INTENT

To allow for the keeping of bees on residential, single family detached properties not zoned A-E, A-1, A-2, and R-A. Backyard bees and appurtenant structures are not considered agricultural for purposes of agricultural affidavits. HOA covenants and guidelines may supersede these regulations.

12-2702 RELATED DEFINITIONS

- A. "Bee" means any stage of the common domestic honeybee, *Apis mellifera* species. "Bee" does not include Africanized bees and hybrids.
- B. "Colony" means a hive and its equipment and accessories, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.
- C. "Flyways" are a six (6) foot tall solid fence, wall, or thick hedge that directs the path of the bee up and out of the property. If a flyway is required, it shall be located ten (10) feet from the hive.

12-2703 HIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Number of hive boxes allowed:

Lot Area	Number of Hive Boxes
Less than 20,000 sf	2
20,000 sf to 1 acre	4
1 acre or more	8*

*Note: A-E, A-1, A-2, and R-A zone districts do not have a hive box limit

- B. Setback/height requirements:
 - a. Maximum height, per hive box: up to six (6) feet in height above ground level and up to ten (10) cubic feet in volume.
 - b. Hive(s) shall be located behind front building line of principal structure and no less than ten (10) feet from the side and rear property lines with the hive entrance facing away from neighbors and public right-of-way.

- c. Flyway requirements:
 - 1. If the hive is at least twenty-five (25) feet from all property lines, no flyway required.
 - 2. If the hive is closer than 25 feet to any property line, a flyway is required on any side closer than 25 feet from a property line.
- C. Materials and product requirements:
 - a. The commercial sale of honey on the property is prohibited.