

SECTION 12-2600 BEE-KEEPING REGULATIONS

12-2601 INTENT

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

12-2602 RELATED DEFINITIONS

See Chapter 19 for definitions of “bee”, “colony”, and “flyway”.

12-2603 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.