

CHAPTER 11-06: USE REGULATIONS

Section 11-06-07: Accessory Uses and Structures

Subsection 4: Additional Standards for Specific Accessory Uses

4. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACCESSORY USES

Unless specified, standards for accessory uses are in addition to all applicable standards and approval criteria in this Code.

B. Beekeeping

The purpose of these regulations is to ensure sound beekeeping practices and thereby avoid problems that might be associated with the keeping of bees in an urban setting.

(1) Standards

Beekeeping standards shall be as follows:

(a) Noxious Insects Prohibited

The keeping of wasps, hornets, Africanized bees (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) and other noxious insects is prohibited.

(b) Density of Hives & Colonies

There is no minimum parcel size for beekeeping. However, the maximum density is 3 colonies per 1/4 acre. Higher densities may be permitted by conditional use permit.

(c) Nucleus Colonies

For every 2 colonies authorized above, one additional nucleus colony is allowed.

(d) Hives

Colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames.

(e) Flyway Barriers

For colonies located within 25 feet of a property boundary, a flyway barrier at least six feet in height consisting of a solid wall, fence or dense hedge parallel to the property line and extending ten feet beyond the apiary in each direction is required

(f) Setbacks and Placement

Hives shall be located at least 20 feet from front property lines and 3 feet from other property lines. The back of the hive shall be oriented to adjoining properties.

(g) Water Source

A constant supply of fresh water is required. It shall be readily accessible to the bees and to allow them to access water by landing on a hard surface. A water supply is not required during winter and other inactive months.

(h) Maintenance

Hives not being actively maintained shall be removed. Colonies must be maintained so as to not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of surrounding properties.

(i) Queens

Where a colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics the colony shall be destroyed or re-queened.

(j) Compliance with State Statutes

Beekeeping shall comply with all applicable state laws.

(k) Contact Information

Contact information for a responsible party shall be posted at apiaries on vacant property.