

ARTICLE IV. - BEEKEEPING (APIARY)

Sec. 13-401. - Permit required.

Except in those areas zoned A-1, A-2, and R-E, no person shall keep or maintain any colony or hive of bees without complying with all provisions of this article and without having obtained a permit as provided in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 0-7475-8)

Sec. 13-402. - Colonies restricted.

No person shall keep or maintain more than one (1) colony of bees per two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet of lot area.

(Ord. No. 0-7475-8)

Sec. 13-403. - Hives.

No person shall keep or maintain bee colonies in other than movable frame hives, and mature colonies shall be housed in two (2) full-depth brood chambers.

(Ord. No. 0-7475-8)

Sec. 13-404. - Reserved.

Editor's note— Ord. No. 0-9596-54, § 1, adopted June 11, 1996, deleted [§ 13-404](#) in its entirety. Formerly, [§ 13-404](#) pertained to registration of beekeeping operations and derived from Ord. No. 0-7475-8.

Sec. 13-405. - Setback requirements.

No person shall locate colonies of bees closer than thirty-five (35) feet of any property line, except:

- (1) When those colonies are situated at least eight (8) feet above adjacent ground level; or
- (2) When situated less than six (6) feet above adjacent ground level and behind a solid fence, wall, dense evergreen hedge or effective equivalent having a height of not less than six (6) feet and parallel to each property line within thirty-five (35) feet of the hive. Such fence shall extend at least thirty (30) feet beyond the hive in both directions or the full length of the property line to which the fence is parallel, whichever is the lesser.

(Ord. No. 0-7475-8)

Sec. 13-406. - Water sources.

No person shall keep or maintain any colony of bees without providing a fresh water source on his lot during all periods that the bees fly from the hives.

(Ord. No. 0-7475-8)