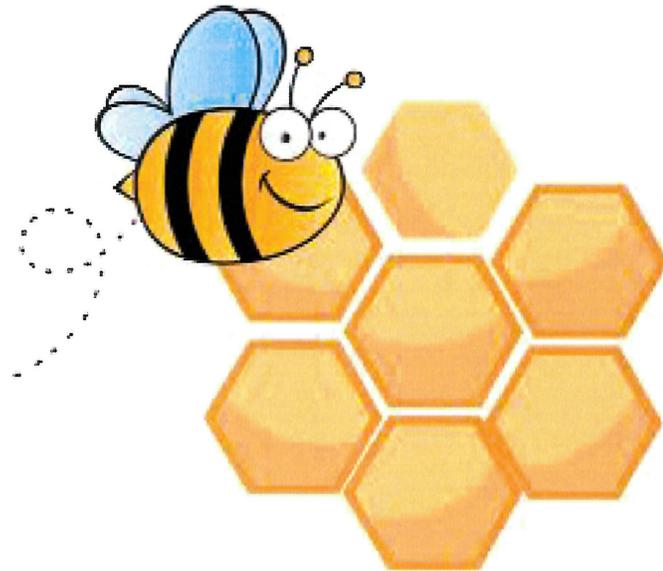


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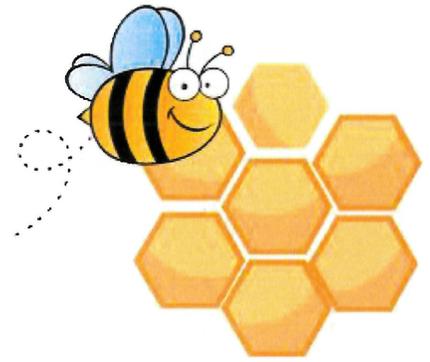
Clearfield City

Beekeeping Ordinance Proposal

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Honorable Council Members,

We would like to ask you to review your city ordinance as it pertains to Beekeeping with in the City Limits. We feel the current ordinance has become outdated with the change in demographics/urbanization of the city from the more agrarian city it once was. We feel the Honey bee (*Apis Melifera*) plays a vital part of the cities eco system and can be safely included/ and should be encouraged to be in all of our cities.

Many large cities across the United States have discovered the benefits of encouraging beekeeping with in the city as part of the city's effort to encourage beautiful landscaping, gardening, flowers, fruit trees, shade trees in the green spaces of our cities. New York City, Salt Lake City, Sandy City, West Jordan City, Layton City, Ogden City to name a few. We would like to be a part of the discussion and decision to bring the honey bee back to the city and encourage by not over regulating our members, industry and hobbyists but promote safe placement and management of the Honey bee in Clearfield and make it a bee friendly City.

As I am sure you've been made aware there is a problem facing our honeybee population in the United States and around the world. The number of hives in Utah has dropped by almost 50% since 1950. Last year the industry suffered a 40% loss of hives, as was reported on 5/13/15 by Fox13 news, and 5/27/15 on Channel 4 News. It is getting difficult to make beekeeping a profitable enterprise with that level of losses. Commercial beekeeping has declined for years now, even with a surge in demand for the pollinators.

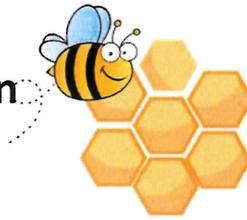
As Northern Utah has become more and more urbanized there are less and less bees to pollinate our crops, plants and gardens. As the plight of the honeybee has been made known, there has been a large rise in interest by members of our community to help the honeybees and bring our state insect back to our cities.

There are many good things associated with this resurgence and some concern by those who don't understand the beehive. Insects that can sting, dramatized by the media, have created a mischaracterization of the humble honeybee. The honeybee, being an herbivore, only seeks out nectar and pollen of plants and will

only react defensively when threatened. They often take the rap of their close relatives, wasps or hornets, which are carnivores, and are usually seen at picnics and outside gatherings where we have food (including meat).

The honeybee hive is busy at the entrance, as is the flight path of about 12' in front of the hive. If properly placed, they are unobtrusive in the yard where the hive is located, as well as neighboring yards. We agree that there should be some guidelines integrating beekeeping in an urban area. The State of Utah Agricultural Department requires our hives be registered to help control hive disease issues requiring inspections by State bee inspectors and give guidance when potential hazards exist. State guidelines already exist and inspections occur. There are plenty of nuisance ordinances already on the books to deal with any problems that may arise. We as an association teach and preach proper placement and management as well. What the city should do is set a few basic guidelines that good beekeepers are doing anyway; they want to be part of the solution not a problem. But encourage beekeeping within the city. We hope the city will make the decision to have Clearfield City be a Honeybee Friendly City.

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Proposed Beekeeping Ordinance language:

Definitions:

1. **Apiary:** Any place one (1) or more colonies of bees are located
2. **Beekeeper:** A person who owns or has charge of one (1) or more colonies of bees.
3. **Beekeeping Equipment:** Anything used in the operation of an apiary, such as hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards, and extractors.
4. **Colony:** Bees in any hive including queen, workers, or drones.
5. **Hive:** a frame hive, box hive, box, barrel, log, gum, skep, or other artificial or natural receptacle which any be used to house bees.
6. **Honeybee:** The common honeybee, *Apis mellifera* species, at any stage of development, but **not including** the African honeybee, *Apis mellifera scutellata* species, or any hybrid thereof.

Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize beekeeping subject to certain requirements intended to avoid problems that may otherwise be associated with beekeeping in populated areas.

Certain conduct unlawful:

Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain an apiary or to keep any colony on any property in a manner that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance.

Hives on Residential lots:

An apiary consisting of not more than five (5) hives or an equivalent capacity may be maintained in a side yard or the rear yard of any residential lot. On a residential lot which is a half (0.5) acre or larger, the number of hives located on the lot may be increased to ten (10) hives.

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Larger commercial apiaries (11 or more hives) can be maintained on areas 1 acre or larger zoned A and RS zones with no limit to the number of hives. Hives must be kept 100 feet from any primary structure on the same or any other adjacent lot primary structures.

A person shall not locate or allow a hive on property owned or occupied by another person without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.

Beekeeper Registration:

Each beekeeper shall be registered with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food as provided in the Utah Bee Inspection Act set forth in Title 4 chapter 11 of the Utah Code, as amended.

Honey Bee:

Maintain a domestic gentle strain of honey bee, re-queening hive as necessary.

Hives:

Honeybee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

Management:

Hives shall be operated and maintained as provided in the Utah Bee Inspection Act and marked with state registration number.

Flyways:

A hive shall be placed on a property so the general flight pattern of bees is in a direction that will deter bee contact with humans and domesticated animals. If any portion of a hive is located within fifteen (15) feet from an area which provides public access or from a property line on the lot where an apiary is located, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall be established and

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maintained along that property line except as needed to provide access. Such flyway barrier if located along the property line or within five (5) feet of the property line, shall consist of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation, or a combination thereof, which extends at least ten (10) feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least 6 feet above the ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.

Water:

Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the colony continuously between April 1st and October 1st of each year. The water shall be in a location that minimizes any nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring properties.

Beekeeping Equipment:

Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other beekeeping equipment is not left upon the grounds of an apiary site. Upon removal of any material, or equipment from a hive, all such material or equipment shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.

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4-5-9.5. Cottage food production operations. (Amended 2008)

(1) For purposes of this chapter:

(a) "Cottage food production operation" means a person, who in the person's home, produces a food product that is not a potentially hazardous food or a food that requires time/temperature controls for safety.

(b) "Home" means a primary residence:

(i) occupied by the individual who is operating a cottage food production operation; and

(ii) which contains:

(A) a kitchen designed for common residential usage; and

(B) appliances designed for common residential usage.

(c) "Potentially hazardous food" or "food that requires time/temperature controls for safety":

(i) means a food that requires time and or temperature control for safety to limit pathogenic microorganism growth or toxin formation and is in a form capable of supporting:

(A) the rapid and progressive growth of infections or toxigenic microorganisms;

(B) the growth and toxin production of *Clostridium botulinum*; or

(C) in shell eggs, the growth of *Salmonella enteritidis*;

(ii) includes:

(A) an animal food;

(B) a food of animal origin that is raw or heat treated;

(C) a food of plant origin that is heat treated or consists of raw seed sprouts;

(D) cut melons;

(E) cut tomatoes; and

(F) garlic and oil mixtures that are not acidified or otherwise modified at a food establishment in a way that results in mixtures that do not support growth as specified under Subsection

(1)(c)(i); and

(iii) does not include:

(A) an air-cooled hard-boiled egg with shell intact;

(B) a food with an actual weight or water activity value of 0.85 or less;

(C) a food with pH level of 4.6 or below when measured at 24 degrees Centigrade;

(D) a food, in an unopened hermetically sealed container, that is processed to achieve and maintain sterility under conditions of nonrefrigerated storage and distribution;

(E) a food for which laboratory evidence demonstrates that the rapid and progressive growth of items listed in Subsection (1)(c)(i) cannot occur, such as a food that:

(i) has an actual weight and a pH level that are above the levels specified under Subsections (1)(c)(iii)(B) and (C); or

(ii) contains a preservative or other barrier to the growth of microorganisms, or a combination of barriers that inhibit the growth of microorganisms; or

(F) a food that does not support the growth of microorganisms as specified under Subsection (1)(c)(i) even though the food may contain an infectious or toxigenic microorganism or chemical or physical contaminant at a level sufficient to cause illness.

(2)(a) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, as necessary to protect public health and ensure a safe food supply.

(b) Rules adopted pursuant to this Subsection (2) shall provide for:

(i) the registration of cottage food production operations as food establishments under this chapter;

(ii) the labeling of products from a cottage food production operation as "Home Produced"; and

(iii) other exceptions to the chapter that the department determines are appropriate and that are consistent with this section.

(3) Rules adopted pursuant to Subsection (2):

(a) may not require:

(i) the use of commercial surfaces such as stainless steel counters or cabinets;

(ii) the use of a commercial grade:

(A) sink;

(B) dishwasher; or

(C) oven;

(iii) a separate kitchen for the cottage food production operation; or

(iv) the submission of plans and specifications before construction of, or remodel of, a cottage food production operation; and

(b) may require:

(i) an inspection of a cottage food production operation:

(A) prior to issuing a registration for the cottage food production operation; and

(B) at other times if the department has reason to believe the cottage food production operation is operating:

(i) in violation of this chapter or an administrative rule adopted pursuant to this section; or

(ii) in an unsanitary manner; and

(iii) the use of finished and cleanable surfaces.

(4)(a) The operator of a cottage food production operation shall:

(i) register with the department as a cottage food production operation before operating as a cottage food production operation; and

(ii) hold a valid food handler's permit.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections 4-5-9(1)(a)

and (c), the department shall issue a registration to an applicant for a cottage food production operation if the applicant for the registration:

(i) passes the inspection required by Subsection (3)(b);

(ii) pays the fees required by the department; and

(iii) meets the requirements of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 26A-1-114, a local health department:

(a) does not have jurisdiction to regulate the production of food at a cottage food production operation operating in compliance with this section, as long as the products are not offered to the public for consumption on the premises; and

(b) does have jurisdiction to investigate a cottage food production operation in any investigation into the cause of a food borne illness outbreak.

(6) A food service establishment as defined in Section 26-15a-102 may not use a product produced in a cottage food production operation as an ingredient in any food that is prepared by the food establishment and offered by the food establishment to the public for consumption.

4-5-20. Food designated as raw honey. (Enacted 2011)

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Honey" means the natural sweet substance produced by honeybees from nectar of plants or from secretions of living parts of plants that the bees collect, transform by combining with specific substances of their own, then deposit, dehydrate, store, and leave in the honeycomb to ripen and mature.

(b) "Raw honey" means honey:

(i) as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling, or straining;

(ii) that is minimally processed; and

(iii) that is not pasteurized.

(2) Honey that is produced, packed, repacked, distributed, or sold in this state may only be labeled and designated as raw honey if it meets:

(a) the definition of raw honey in this section; and

(b) any additional requirements imposed by the department by rule.

(3) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish labeling requirements consistent with the provisions of this section.

4-11 - Utah Bee Inspection Act

4-11-1. Short title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Utah Bee Inspection Act." (Amended 1979)

4-11-2. Definitions. (Amended 2014)

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As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Abandoned apiary" means any apiary:
 - (a) to which the owner or operator fails to give reasonable and adequate attention during a given year, with the result that the welfare of a neighboring colony is jeopardized; or
 - (b) that is not properly identified in accordance with this chapter.
- (2) "Apiary" means any place where one or more colonies of bees are located.
- (3) "Apiary equipment" means hives, supers, frames, veils, gloves, or other equipment used to handle or manipulate bees, honey, wax, or hives.
- (4) "Appliance" means any apparatus, tool, machine, or other device used to handle or manipulate bees, wax, honey, or hives.
- (5) "Bee" means the common honey bee, *Apis mellifera*, at any stage of development.
- (6)(a) "Beekeeper" means a person who keeps bees in order to:
 - (i) collect honey and beeswax;
 - (ii) pollinate crops; or
 - (iii) produce bees for sale to other beekeepers.
- (b) "Beekeeper" includes an apiarist.
- (7) "Colony" means an aggregation of bees in any type of hive that includes queens, workers, drones, or brood.
- (8) "Disease" means any infectious or contagious disease affecting bees, as specified by the department, including American foulbrood.
- (9) "Hive" means a frame hive, box hive, box, barrel, log, gum skep, or other artificial or natural receptacle that may be used to house bees.
- (10) "Package" means any number of bees in a bee-tight container, with or without a queen, and without comb.
- (11) "Parasite" means an organism that parasitizes any developmental stage of a bee.
- (12) "Pest" means an organism that:
 - (a) inflicts damage to a bee or bee colony directly or indirectly; or
 - (b) may damage apiary equipment in a manner that is likely to have an adverse affect on the health of the colony or an adjacent colony.
- (13) "Raise" means:
 - (a) to hold a colony of bees in a hive for the purpose of pollination, honey production, study, or similar purpose; and
 - (b) when the person holding a colony, holds the colony or a package of bees in the state for a period of time exceeding 30 days.
- (14) "Terminal disease" means a pest, parasite, or pathogen that will kill an occupant colony or subsequent colony on the same equipment.

4-11-3. Department authorized to make and enforce rules. (Amended 2008)

The department is authorized, subject to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to make and enforce such rules as it considers necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. Such rules shall include provisions for the identification of each apiary within the state.

4-11-4. Bee raising – Registration required -- Application -- Fees -- Renewal -- Wax-salvage plants -- License required -- Application -- Fees -- Renewal. (Amended 2010)

- (1)(a) A person may not raise bees in this state without being registered with the department.
- (b) Application for registration to raise bees shall be made to the department upon tangible or electronic forms prescribed and furnished by the department, within 30 days after the person:
 - (i) takes possession of the bees; or
 - (ii) moves the bees into the state.
- (c) Nothing in Subsection (1)(b) limits the requirements of Section 4-11-11.
- (d) An application in accordance with this chapter shall specify:
 - (i) the name and address of the applicant;
 - (ii) the number of bee colonies owned by the applicant at the time of the application that will be present in the state for a period exceeding 30 days; and

- (iii) any other relevant information the department considers appropriate.
- (e) Upon receipt of a proper application and payment of an annual registration fee determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), the commissioner shall issue a registration to the applicant valid through December 31 of the year in which the registration is issued, subject to suspension or revocation for cause.
- (f) A bee registration is renewable for a period of one year upon the payment of an annual registration renewal fee as determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2).
- (g) Registration shall be renewed on or before December 31 of each year.
- (2)(a) A person may not operate a wax-salvage plant without a license issued by the department.
- (b) Application for a license to operate a wax-salvage plant shall be made to the department upon tangible or electronic forms prescribed and furnished by the department.
- (c) The application shall specify such information as the department considers appropriate.
- (d) Upon receipt of a proper application and payment of a license fee as determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), the commissioner, if satisfied that the convenience and necessity of the industry and the public will be served, shall issue a license entitling the applicant to operate a wax-salvage plant through December 31 of the year in which the license is issued, subject to suspension or revocation for cause.
- (e) A wax-salvage license is renewable for a period of one year, on or before December 31 of each year, upon the payment of an annual license renewal fee as determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2).

4-11-5. County bee inspector -- Appointment -- Termination -- Compensation. (Amended 2010)

- (1) The county executive upon the petition of five or more persons who raise bees within the respective county shall, with the approval of the commissioner, appoint a qualified person to act as a bee inspector within the county.
- (2) A county bee inspector shall be employed at the pleasure of the county executive and the commissioner, and is subject to termination of employment, with or without cause, at the instance of either.
- (3) Compensation for the county bee inspector shall be fixed by the county legislative body.
- (4) To be appointed a county bee inspector, a person shall demonstrate adequate training and knowledge related to this chapter, bee diseases, and pests.
- (5) A record concerning bee inspection shall be kept by the county executive or commissioner.
- (6) The county executive and the commissioner shall investigate a formal, written complaint against a county bee inspector.
- (7) The department may authorize an inspection if:
 - (a) a county bee inspector is not appointed; and
 - (b) a conflict of interest arises with a county bee inspector.

4-11-6. Hives to have removable frames -- Consent of county bee inspector to sell or transport diseased bees. (Amended 2010)

- (1) A person may not house or keep bees in a hive unless it is equipped with movable frames to all its parts so that access to the hive can be had without difficulty.
- (2) No person who owns or has possession of bees (whether queens or workers) with knowledge that they are infected with terminal disease, parasites, or pests, or with knowledge that they have been exposed to terminal disease, parasites, or pests, shall sell, barter, give away, or move the bees, colonies, or apiary equipment without the consent of the county bee inspector or the department.

4-11-7. Inspector -- Duties -- Diseased apiaries -- Examination of diseased bees by department -- Election to transport bees to wax-salvage plant. (Amended 2015)

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(1) The county bee inspector or the department may inspect all apiaries within the county at least once each year and, also, inspect immediately any apiary within the county that is alleged in a written complaint to be severely diseased, parasitized, or abandoned.

(2) If, upon inspection, the inspector determines that an apiary is diseased or parasitized, the inspector shall take the following action based on the severity of the disease or parasite present:

(a) prescribe the course of treatment that the owner or caretaker of the bees shall follow to eliminate the disease or parasite;
(b) personally, for the purpose of treatment approved by the department, take control of the afflicted bees, hives, combs, broods, honey, and equipment; or
(c) destroy the afflicted bees and, if necessary, their hives, combs, broods, honey, and all appliances that may have become infected.

(3) If, upon reinspection, the inspector determines that the responsible party has not executed the course of treatment prescribed by Subsection (2), the inspector may take immediate possession of the afflicted colony for control or destruction in accordance with Subsection (2)(b) or (c).

(4)(a) The owner of an apiary who is dissatisfied with the diagnosis or course of action proposed by an inspector under this section may, at the owner's expense, have the department examine the alleged diseased bees.

(b) The decision of the commissioner with respect to the condition of bees at the time of the examination is final and conclusive upon the owner and the inspector involved.

(5) The owner of a diseased apiary, notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (2), (3), and (4), may elect under the direction of the county bee inspector to kill the diseased bees, seal their hives, and transport them to a licensed wax-salvage plant.

4-11-8. County bee inspector -- Disinfection required before leaving apiary with diseased bees. (Amended 2010)

(1) Before leaving the premises of any apiary where disease exists, the county bee inspector, or any assistant, shall thoroughly disinfect any part of the inspector's own person, clothing, or any appliance that has come in contact with infected material.

(2) The method of disinfection required by Subsection (1):

(a) may be determined by the department; and
(b) shall be sufficient to destroy disease, parasites, and pathogens encountered.

(3) A county bee inspector shall maintain a record of each inspection, including disinfection practices.

(4) The county executive or the commissioner may review a county bee inspector's records kept in accordance with Subsection (3).

4-11-9. Inspection of apiaries where queen bees raised for sale - - Honey from apiaries where queen bees raised for sale not to be used for candy for mailing cages unless boiled. (Amended 2010)

(1)(a) At least twice each summer the county bee inspector shall inspect each apiary in which queen bees are raised for sale.

(b) A person may not sell or transport any queen bee from an apiary that is found to be infected with disease, without the consent of the county bee inspector or the department.

(2) No person engaged in raising queen bees for sale shall use any honey for making candy for mailing cages that has not been boiled for at least 30 minutes.

(3) A person rearing queens shall follow standard methods for minimizing or eliminating unmanageably aggressive stock.

4-11-10. Enforcement -- Inspections authorized -- Warrants. (Amended 2010)

(1) The department and all county bee inspectors shall have access to all apiaries or places where bees, hives, and appliances are kept for the purpose of enforcing this chapter.

(2) If admittance is refused, the department, or the county bee inspector involved, may proceed immediately to obtain an ex

parte warrant from the nearest court of competent jurisdiction to allow entry upon the premises for the purpose of making an inspection.

4-11-11. Importation of bees or appliances into state --

Certification required -- Inspection discretionary -- Authority to require destruction or removal of diseased bees and appliances. (Amended 2010)

(1)(a) A person may not bring or import any bees in packages or hives or bring or import any used beekeeping equipment or appliances into this state, except after obtaining a certificate from an inspector authorized in the state of origin certifying that the bees, apiary equipment, or appliances have been inspected within the current production season, and that all diseased colonies in the apiary at the time of the inspection were destroyed or removed to a licensed wax-salvage plant before the issuance of the certificate.

(b) A person bringing or importing bees into the state shall advise the department of the address of the bees destination and furnish the department with a copy of the certificate of inspection either:

(i) within at least five working days before the bees enter the state; or

(ii) upon entry into the state.

(c) A person intending to hold bees in the state for a period of time exceeding 30 days shall comply with Section 4-11-4.

(2)(a) A person may not bring or import any used apiary equipment, except after obtaining a certificate from an inspector authorized in the state of origin certifying that all potentially pathogen-conductive apiary equipment or appliances are appropriately sterilized immediately before importation.

(b) A person bringing or importing used apiary equipment shall advise the department of the address of the destination in the state and furnish the department with a copy of the certificate of inspection either:

(i) within at least five working days before the bees enter the state; or

(ii) upon entry into the state.

(3) Used apiary equipment or appliances that have been exposed to terminal disease may not be sold without the consent of the county bee inspector or the commissioner.

(4) In lieu of Subsection (1), the certificate may be a Utah certificate.

(5)(a) If the department determines it is necessary for any reason to inspect any bees, apiary equipment, or appliance upon arrival at a destination in this state, and upon this inspection finds terminal disease, the department shall cause all diseased colonies, appliances, and equipment to be either:

(i) destroyed immediately; or

(ii) removed from the state within 48 hours.

(b) The costs under Subsection (5)(a)(i) or (ii) shall be paid by the person bringing the diseased colonies, appliances, or equipment into the state.

4-11-12. Quarantine authorized. (Amended 2010)

The commissioner, in order to protect the bee industry of the state against bee health or management issues, may quarantine the entire state, an entire county, or any apiary or specific hive within the state, as the commissioner considers necessary.

4-11-13. Unlawful acts specified. (Amended 2010)

It is unlawful for a person to:

(1) extract honey in any place where bees can gain access either during or after the extraction process;

(2) remove honey or wax, or attempt to salvage, or salvage any hives, apiary equipment, or appliances from a diseased colony, except in a licensed wax-salvage plant, unless specifically authorized by a county bee inspector or the commissioner;

(3) maintain any neglected or abandoned hives, apiary equipment, or appliances other than in an enclosure that prohibits the entrance of bees;

(4) raise bees without being registered with the department;

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- (5) operate a wax-salvage plant without a license,
- (6) store an empty hive body, apiary equipment, or appliances in a manner that may propagate pests, disease, or bee feeding frenzy; or
- (7) knowingly sell a colony, apiary equipment, or appliances that are inoculated with terminal disease pathogens.

4-11-14. Maintenance of abandoned apiary, equipment, or appliance -- Nuisance. (Amended 2010)

(1) It is a public nuisance to keep or maintain an abandoned apiary, apiary equipment, or appliance other than in an enclosure that prohibits the entry of bees.

(2) Items listed in Subsection (1) are subject to seizure and destruction by the county bee inspector.

(3) Upon discovery of, or receipt of a written complaint concerning, an abandoned apiary site, apiary equipment, or appliance, the county bee inspector shall attempt to notify the registered owner, if any.

(4)(a) A registered owner notified under Subsection (3) shall remove the abandoned apiary, apiary equipment, or appliance or provide a bee-proof enclosure within 15 days.

(b) The county bee inspector or the department shall verify the removal or protection in accordance with Subsection (4)(a) at the expiration of the 15-day period.

(c) If a registered owner does not comply with Subsection (4)(a), the county bee inspector or the department may seize and destroy the abandoned apiary, apiary equipment, and appliances.

(5) A county bee inspector or the department may seize and destroy an abandoned apiary, apiary equipment, or appliances if the abandoned apiary, apiary equipment, or appliances do not indicate a registered owner.

4-11-15. Wax-salvage operations -- County bee inspector to supervise compliance with rules -- Salvage procedures specified. (Amended 2010)

(1) All wax-salvage operations with respect to wax, hives, apiary equipment, and appliances that have been exposed to disease pathogens shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the county bee inspector according to procedures established by rules of the department.

(2) A wax salvage operation shall be conducted in an enclosure that is tightly double-screened to prevent the possible entrance of bees.

(3) Entrance to the enclosure shall be through a vestibule, double-screened in the same manner as the enclosure, with tight-fitting doors at each end.

(4) All boiling or melting of any noncontaminated apiary equipment, such as cappings, honey supers, hives, or frames shall be done in a bee tight enclosure.

4-11-17. Maintaining gentle stock. (Enacted 2010)

A beekeeper may not intentionally maintain an aggressive or unmanageable stock, whether African or European in origin.

Rule R68-1. Utah Bee Inspection Act Governing Inspection of Bees.

As in effect on April 1, 2015

R68-1-1. Authority.

Promulgated under the authority of Section 4-11-3.

R68-1-2. Registration.

Every owner or person coming into possession of one or more colonies of bees within the State of Utah shall register with the Department of Agriculture and Food in accordance with the provisions in Section 4-11-4.

R68-1-3. Apiary Identification.

Each apiary location whether permanent or temporary shall be identified by a sign showing the owner's registration number issued by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food at least

one inch in height, easily readable and displayed in a conspicuous location in the apiary; or similar identification conspicuously displayed on one or more hive bodies within the apiary. Any apiary not so identified shall be considered abandoned and shall be subject to seizure and destruction as provided for in Section 4-11-14.

R68-1-4. Assistance in Locating Apiaries.

All beekeepers shall personally assist the department or county bee inspectors in locating their apiaries, or provide accurate and detailed information as to location of all bee hives under their control or possession.

R68-1-5. Salvage Operations.

All salvage operations with respect to wax, hives and appliances from diseased colonies shall be performed in a tightly screened enclosure to prevent the entrance of bees according to the following procedure:

A. Frames and comb from the diseased hives shall be held for at least 30 minutes in boiling water (212 degrees F) before any wax is removed.

B. After removal from the boiling water the frames must be destroyed or boiled for a minimum of 20 minutes in a solution of lye water containing no less than 10 pounds of lye (Sodium Hydroxide) for each 100 gal. of water.

C. Hive bodies, supers, covers and bottom boards must be thoroughly scorched or boiled for a minimum of 20 minutes in the lye water solution.

Rule R70-520. Standard of Identity and Labeling Requirements for Honey.

As in effect on April 1, 2015

The purpose of this rule is to establish a standard of identity and labeling requirements for honey that is produced, packed, repacked, distributed and sold in Utah. Codification of this standard is meant to reduce economic fraud by controlling the pervasive, illegal practices of blending or diluting pure honey with low-cost syrups such as sugar, cane and corn, and representing highly processed honey as raw honey.

R70-520-2. Authority.

This rule is promulgated under the authority of Subsections 4-2-2(1)(g), 4-5-8(5), 4-5-6(1)(b), 4-5-15(1) and Sections 4-5-16 and 4-5-20 of the UCA.

R70-520-3. Definitions.

(1) "Honey" means the natural sweet substance produced by honeybees from nectar of plants or from secretions of living parts of plants which the bees collect, transform by combining with specific substances of their own, then deposit, dehydrate, store, and leave in the honeycomb to ripen and mature.

(2) "Blossom Honey" or "Nectar Honey" means honey that comes from the nectar of plants.

(3) "Comb" or "Comb honey" means honey stored by bees in the cells of freshly built broodless combs and sold in sealed whole combs or sections of such combs.

(4) "Raw honey" means honey:

(a) as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling, or straining;

(b) that is minimally processed; and

(c) that is not pasteurized.

(5) "Straining" means the process of removing particulate matter from honey by passing it through a metal or fabric screen or cloth with mesh large enough to pass pollen grains, enzymes and minerals.

R70-520-4. Standard of Identification for Honey.

(1) Honey shall meet the following standards:

(a) honey may not be heated or processed to such an extent that its essential composition is changed or its quality is impaired;

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- (b) chemical or biochemical treatments may not be used to influence honey crystallizations;
- (c) honey may not contain more than 20 percent moisture content and for heather honey not more than 23 percent;
- (d) honey may be not less than 60 percent fructose and glucose, combined; the ratio of fructose to glucose shall not be greater than 0.9;
- (e) honey may not contain oligosaccharides indicative of invert syrup;
- (f) honey, except for honeycomb and cut comb style honey, may not contain more than 0.5g/1000g water insoluble solids.

R70-520-5. Standard of Identification for Blossom Honey.

- (1) Blossom honey shall meet the standards for honey in R70-520-4;
- (2) Blossom honey shall not contain more than 5 percent sucrose, except for the following:
 - (a) alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), citrus spp, false acacia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), French Honeysuckle (*Hedysarum*), Menzies banksias (*Banksia menziesii*), red gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*), leatherwood (*Eucalyptus lucida*), and *Eucryphia milligani* may contain up to 10 percent sucrose.
 - (b) lavender (*Lavandula* spp) and borage (*Borago officinalis*) may contain up to 15 percent sucrose.

R70-520-6. Food Labeled as Honey or Raw Honey.

- (1) Food meeting the standards set forth in R70-520-4 and R70-520-5 may be designated "honey".
 - (a) The food may be labeled as "raw honey" if it additionally meets R70-520-3(4).
 - (2) Food containing honey plus flavoring, spice or food additive shall be distinguished in the food name from honey by declaration of all of the added ingredients.
 - (3) Food containing honey may be designated according to floral or plant source if the honey comes predominately from that particular source and has the organoleptic, physicochemical and microscopic properties corresponding with that origin.
 - (a) Food designated according to the honey's floral source plant shall have the common name or the botanical name of the floral source in close proximity on the label to the word "honey".
 - (4) Honey may be designated according to the following styles:
 - (a) honey in liquid or crystalline state or a mixture of the two may be designated as "liquid" or "crystalline";
 - (b) honey meeting the definition of "comb" or "comb honey"; or
 - (c) honey containing one or more pieces of comb honey may be designated as "honey with comb" or "chunk honey".
- (5) Labels shall meet the requirements of Chapter 4-5-15 UCU.

R70-520-7. Misbranded Food.

Food labeled as a honey or raw honey, but not meeting the standard of identification or a labeling requirement in Sections four through six of this rule shall be deemed to be misbranded.

R70-520-8. False Food Advertisement.

Food advertised as honey or raw honey shall be considered falsely advertised if it does not meet the standard of identification or a labeling requirement in Sections four through six of this rule.

R70-520-9. Embargo and Destruction of Misbranded Food.

When an authorized agent of the department finds or has cause to believe a honey product is misbranded, the agent may follow the tagging, embargo and destruction procedures found in Title 4-5-5 UCA.

Rule R70-560. Inspection and Regulation of Cottage Food Production Operations.

As in effect on 15 May 2014

R70-560-1. Authority and Purpose.

- (1) Authority. Promulgated under authority of Title 4, Chapter 5, Section 9.5, Utah Code Annotated.

- (2) Purpose. The Department shall adopt rules pursuant to Title 63G-4, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, as necessary to protect public health and ensure a safe food supply.

- (3) Adopted and Referenced. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food hereby adopts and references the applicable provisions of the Food Protection Rule, Utah Administrative Code Rule R70-530 issued by The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, with specific exemptions as provided by Section 4-5-9.5, Utah Code Annotated.

R70-560-2. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in the interpretation and application of this rule:

- (1) "Department" means the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
- (2) "Food Processing Plant" does not include a Cottage Food Production Operation.
- (3) "Section 26A-1-114" means Title 26A, Chapter 1, Section 114, Utah Code Annotated.
- (4) "Section 26-15a-102" means Title 26, Chapter 15a, Section 102, Utah Code Annotated.

R70-560-3. Approval of Food.

- (1) Prior to producing a food, the operator of a cottage food production operation shall:
 - (a) At the discretion of the Department, provide written confirmation from a Department approved food laboratory or process authority that the food is not potentially hazardous; and
 - (b) Receive approval from the Department to produce the food.
- (2) A cottage food production operation may only sell Department approved foods to the public.
- (3) When food includes fruits or vegetables grown by the operator of a cottage food production operation, the operator must have a current private pesticide applicator certification issued by the Department under Title 4, Chapter 14, Utah Code Annotated.

R70-560-4. Production Requirements.

- (1) A cottage food production operation shall:
 - (a) Ensure that each operator holds a valid food handler's permit;
 - (b) Use finished and cleanable surfaces;
 - (c) Maintain acceptable sanitary standards and practices;
 - (d) Provide separate storage from domestic storage, including refrigerated storage;
 - (e) Provide for annual water testing if not connected to a public water system; and
 - (f) Keep a sample of each food for 14 days. The samples shall be labeled with the production date and time.
- (2) A cottage food production operation shall comply with R70-530, except that it shall not be required to:
 - (a) Have commercial surfaces such as stainless steel counters or cabinets;
 - (b) Have a commercial grade sink, dishwasher or oven;
 - (c) Have a separate kitchen; or
 - (d) Submit plans and specifications before construction or remodeling;
- (3) A cottage food production operation is prohibited from all of the following:
 - (a) Conducting domestic activities in the kitchen when producing food;
 - (b) Allowing pets in the kitchen;
 - (c) Allowing free-roaming pets in the residence;
 - (d) Washing out or cleaning pet cages, pans and similar items in the kitchen; and
 - (e) Allowing entry of non-employees into the kitchen while producing food.
- (4) A cottage food must be prepared by following the recipe used to prepare the food when it was submitted for the approval testing required in Subsection R70-560-3(1). When a process authority has recommended or stipulated production processes or criteria for a food, these must be followed when the food is produced. The recipe and process authority recommendations

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and stipulations shall be available in the facility for review by the department:

R70-560-5. Inspections, Registration and Investigations.

(1) The Department shall inspect a cottage food production operation:

(a) Prior to issuing a registration for the cottage food production operation; and

(b) If the Department has reason to believe the cottage food production operation is in violation of this chapter, or administrative rule, adopted pursuant to this section, or is operating in an unsanitary manner.

(2) A cottage food production operation must register with the Department as a food establishment pursuant to Rule R70-540 and pay the required fee.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule R70-540, the Department shall issue a registration to an applicant for a cottage food production operation if the applicant:

(a) Applies for the registration;

(b) Passes the inspection required by Subsection R70-560-5(1);

(c) Pays the fee required by the department; and

(d) Meets the requirements of this section.

(4) The registration issued under Rule R70-540 shall be displayed at the cottage food production operation. A copy of the registration shall be displayed at farmers markets, roadside stands and other places at which the operator sells food from a fixed structure that is permanent or temporary and which is owned, rented or leased by the operator of the cottage food production operation.

R70-560-6. Cottage Food Labeling.

(1) A cottage food production operation shall:

(a) Properly label all foods in accordance with state and federal law, including 21 CFR 1.199;

(2) Label information shall include:

(a) The name specified by regulation or, in the absence thereof, the name commonly used for that food or an adequately descriptive name;

(b) A list of ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight, when the food is made from two or more ingredients;

(c) The name of the food source for each major food allergen contained in the food unless the food source is already part of the common or usual name of the respective ingredient;

(d) An accurate declaration of the net quantity of contents;

(e) The name and place of business of the cottage food production operation;

(f) The telephone number of the cottage food production operation;

(g) Nutritional labeling unless the product qualifies for an exemption; and

(h) The words "Home Produced" in bold and conspicuous 12 point type on the principal display panel.

R70-560-7. Food Distribution and Storage.

(1) Food shall be obtained from sources that comply with the law.

(2) An ingredient used in a cottage food production operation, that is from a hermetically-sealed container, must have been produced at a food processing plant that is regulated by the appropriate food regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the plant.

(3) A food offered for sale shall be safe, unadulterated, and honestly presented.

(a) Food shall be offered for human consumption in a way that does not mislead or misinform the consumer.

(b) Food or color additives, colored over-wraps, or lights may not be used to misrepresent the true appearance, color, or quality of the food.

(c) Food may not contain unapproved food additives, additives in unsafe amounts, or additives that exceed the amount necessary to achieve the needed effect.

(d) Food shall be protected from contamination, including contamination from chemical and pesticide hazards.

(4) Food packages shall be in good condition and protect the integrity of the contents so that the food is not exposed to adulteration or potential contaminants.

(5) Food that is unsafe, adulterated, or not honestly presented shall be discarded.

(6) Except for unprocessed raw agricultural products, foods shall not be displayed or stored on the ground.

(7) Ingredients used in a cottage food shall be in good condition, unspoiled and otherwise unadulterated. Ingredients cannot be used past the expiration date on the container if produced at a regulated food processing facility. Other ingredients may not be used if over 9 months old.

R70-560-8. Regulatory Jurisdiction.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 26A-1-114, a local health department:

(a) Does not have jurisdiction to regulate the production of food at a cottage food production operation, operating in compliance with this section, as long as the products are not offered to the public for consumption on the premises; and

(b) Does have jurisdiction to investigate a cottage food production operation in any investigation into the cause of a food born illness outbreak.

(2) A food service establishment as defined in Section 26-15a-102, may not use a product produced in a cottage food operation as an ingredient in any food that is prepared by the food establishment and offered by the food establishment to the public for consumption.

R70-560-9. Enforcement and Penalties.

A violation of any portion of this rule may result in civil or criminal action pursuant to Sections 4-2-12, 14 and 15, Utah Code Annotated.



Richard Homer <homersbeez@gmail.com>

Fwd: RE: Bee Keeping Questions

3 messages

Kirk Middaugh <lkmiddaugh@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2015 at 3:56 PM

To: Richard Homer <homersbeez@gmail.com>

Richard: I contacted Salt Lake City to get some information regarding their city ordinance related to beekeeping. Attached is their reply. I found it interesting and reassuring, regarding the lack of complaints they've had since the ordinance was in place. I thought this might be an interesting piece of information for our process with Layton City. Let me know what else I can do to help.....Kirk

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From: "Stuchly, Bridget" <Bridget.Stuchly@slcgov.com>

Date: Jun 2, 2015 11:17 AM

Subject: RE: Bee Keeping Questions

To: "lkmiddaugh@gmail.com" <lkmiddaugh@gmail.com>

Cc: "slcgreen" <slcgreen@slcgov.com>

Hi Kirk,

Thanks for your email and passion for beekeeping! We also believe that bees play an integral role in the health of our food system and environment.

We passed our ordinance in December 2009, and it went into effect in January of 2010. While the ordinance was out for public comment, we did hear some concerns initially from a handful of residents but in the 4 ½ years that the ordinance has been in place we have had zero complaints or issues. We have, on the other hand, received a lot of positive feedback.

It sounds like you already have our ordinance language, but just in case it and additional information can be found here, here, <http://www.slcgov.com/node/1291> . You might also be interested in this short blog about the plight of the honeybees- here, <http://slcgreenblog.com/2014/07/07/the-plight-of-the-honey-bee/>. There is a great picture of our produce sections of the grocery store with and without bees that might be impactful for you to bring to the meeting. I don't think many people realize how much of our food production depends on their pollination.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best of luck!!



SLC Green - Beekeeping in Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City has made changes to city ordinances to relax restrictions and allow residential beekeeping. Residential bees benefit our community in a variety of ways while providing a sustainable, healthy and fun source of food.

Over the past 50 years domesticated bee populations have decreased by 50%. These animals are critical in our food production because of the pollination services they provide. Pollination by bees alone is responsible for 15-30% of the food eaten in the United States. Concerns about "killer" bees led to a ban on beekeeping in Salt Lake City in the 1980s, however, domestic strains of honeybees have been selectively bred for their gentleness and can be safely kept in populated areas with proper maintenance.

Finally, raising bees at home can help reconnect the divide that has been created between the American diet and food production. Playing a larger role in the production of the food on your table will help foster a greater understanding of and appreciation for what you eat.

Conditions for Residential Beekeeping

- Beekeeper must be registered with the Utah Department of Agriculture
- Hives must be in side or rear yard
- Bees permitted: common Honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) at any stage of its life, excluding the African Honeybee (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) and any hybrids
- Hives must have removeable frames
- Hives must be five (5) feet from property line
- Bees must have easy access to water on owner's property
- Hives must be placed so that general flight patterns avoid contact with humans and domestic animals
- Hive must be maintained according to Utah Bee Inspection Act

[Beekeeping Ordinance \(http://www.slcdocs.com/slcgreen/Beekeeping_ORDINANCE.pdf\)](http://www.slcdocs.com/slcgreen/Beekeeping_ORDINANCE.pdf)

Apply for a Permit

All those interested in keeping bees must apply for a license through the Utah Department of Agriculture.

[Permit Application \(http://ag.utah.gov/documents/1201a.pdf\)](http://ag.utah.gov/documents/1201a.pdf)



Report a Swarm

[Report a swarm to the Utah Beekeepers Association \(http://www.utahbeekeepers.com/UJA%20Swarm%20Page.html\)](http://www.utahbeekeepers.com/UJA%20Swarm%20Page.html)



SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE

No. 71 of 2009

(Amending Section 8.04.010 to Add Definitions Related to Beekeeping and Enacting Chapter 8.10 to Establish Beekeeping Regulations)

An Ordinance Amending Section 8.04.010, *Salt Lake City Code*, to add definitions related to beekeeping and enacting Chapter 8.10, *Salt Lake City Code*, to authorize beekeeping subject to certain regulations.

WHEREAS, honeybees benefit mankind by providing agriculture, fruit, and garden pollination services and by furnishing honey, wax, and other useful products; and

WHEREAS, bees, via pollination, are responsible for 15 to 30 percent of the food eaten by U.S. consumers, and

WHEREAS, in the last 50 years the domesticated honeybee population, on which most farmers depend for pollination, has declined by about 50 percent, and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City allowed apiaries in agriculturally zoned areas until the 1980s when concerns about killer bees led to the prohibition of apiaries in the City, and

WHEREAS, domestic strains of honeybees have been selectively bred for desirable traits, including gentleness, honey production, reduced swarming, pollination attributes, and other characteristics which are desirable to foster and maintain; and

WHEREAS, gentle strains of honeybees can be maintained within populated areas in without causing a nuisance if properly located, managed, and maintained, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, (i) desires to amend Section 8.04.010, *Salt Lake City Code*, to add definitions related to beekeeping and to enact Chapter 8.10, *Salt Lake City Code*, to authorize beekeeping subject to certain regulations as set forth below, and (ii) finds such action reasonably furthers the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Salt Lake City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. **Amending Section 8.04.010.** That Section 8.04.010 of the *Salt Lake City Code*, shall be, and hereby is, amended to include definitions of "Apiary," "Beekeeper," "Beekeeping Equipment," "Colony," "Hive," and "Honeybee" which shall be inserted in alphabetical order and shall read as follows:

APIARY: Any place where one (1) or more colonies of bees are located.

BEEKEEPER: A person who owns or has charge of one (1) or more colonies of bees.

BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT: Anything used in the operation of an apiary, such as hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards, and extractors.

COLONY: Bees in any hive including queens, workers, or drones.

HIVE: A frame hive, box hive, box, barrel, log, gum skep, or other artificial or natural receptacle which may be used to house bees.

HONEYBEE: The common honeybee, *Apis mellifera* species, at any stage of development, but not including the African honeybee, *Apis mellifera scutellata* species, or any hybrid thereof.

SECTION 2. **Enacting Chapter 8.10.** That Chapter 8.10 of the *Salt Lake City Code* shall be, and hereby is, enacted to authorize beekeeping subject to certain regulations, as follows:

Chapter 8.10

BEEKEEPING

8.10.010: PURPOSE:

The purpose of this chapter is to authorize beekeeping subject to certain requirements intended to avoid problems that may otherwise be associated with beekeeping in populated areas.

8.10.020: CERTAIN CONDUCT UNLAWFUL:

Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain an apiary or to keep any colony on any property in a manner that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance.

8.10.030: HIVES ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS:

A. As provided in this chapter, and notwithstanding any contrary provision in Title 21A of this code, an apiary, consisting of not more than five (5) hives or an equivalent capacity, may be maintained in a side yard or the rear yard of any residential lot. On a residential lot which is larger one-half (0.5) acre or larger, the number of hives located on the lot may be increased to ten (10) hives.

B. A person shall not locate or allow a hive on property owned or occupied by another person without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.

8.10.040: BEEKEEPER REGISTRATION:

Each beekeeper shall be registered with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food as provided in the Utah Bee Inspection Act set forth in Title 4, Chapter 11 of the Utah Code, as amended.

8.10.050: HIVES:

A. Honeybee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

B. Hives shall be placed at least five (5) feet from any property line and six (6) inches above the ground, as measured from the ground to the lowest portion of the hive; provided, however, that this requirement may be waived in writing by the adjoining property owner.

C. Hives shall be operated and maintained as provided in the Utah Bee Inspection Act.

D. Each hive shall be conspicuously marked with the owner's name, address, telephone number, and state registration number.

8.10.060: FLYWAYS:

A hive shall be placed on property so the general flight pattern of bees is in a direction that will deter bee contact with humans and domesticated animals. If any portion of a hive is located within fifteen (15) feet from an area which provides public access or from a property line on the lot where an apiary is located, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall be established and maintained around the hive except as needed to allow access. Such flyway, if located along the property line or within five (5) feet of the property line, shall consist of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation, or a combination thereof, which extends at least ten (10) feet beyond the hive in each direction so that bees are forced to fly to an elevation of at least six (6) feet above ground level over property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.

8.10.070: WATER:

Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the colony continuously between March 1 and October 31 of each year. The water shall be in a location that minimizes any nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring property.

8.10.080: BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT:

Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other beekeeping equipment is left upon the grounds of an apiary site. Upon removal from a hive, all such equipment shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.

8.10.090: CONFLICT WITH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS:

In the event of a conflict between any regulation set forth in this chapter and honeybee management regulations adopted by the Salt Lake Valley Health Department, the most restrictive regulations shall apply.

8.10.100: VIOLATIONS:

A violation of this chapter may be remedied as provided in Sections 8.04.500, 8.04.510, and 8.04.520 of this title. When a violation of this chapter is committed, and provided it is not charged in conjunction with another criminal offense and does not constitute a fourth or succeeding notice of violation within a twenty-four (24) month period, an authorized agent of the City shall issue a civil notice of violation to such violator in lieu of a misdemeanor citation.

SECTION 3. **Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this 1st day of December, 2009.

Bill No. 71 of 2009.

Published: January 9, 2010.

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(2) **Residential chickens.** The purpose of this Section is to provide regulations for the keeping of chickens in residential zoning districts. For the purpose of this Subsection, the term "chicken" refers only to the female, or hen, of the species. Chickens in residential zoning districts may be kept in a way which will ensure the continued health and welfare of Layton residents and maintaining the residential character of Layton City neighborhoods while permitting a more sustainable way of living. Any resident with the intent of keeping chickens within a residential neighborhood on lots with a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) square feet shall comply with the following provisions:

(a) Chickens in residential subdivisions shall be allowed in the R-1-6, R-1-8, R-1-10, and R-S zoning districts. All other fowl associated with being kept outdoors are prohibited in R-1-6, R-1-8, and R-1-10 zones. In R-S (residential suburban) and A (agriculture) zoning districts additional chickens are allowed as outlined in Section 19.06.080 of this Code.

(b) Lots in residential subdivisions shall have no more than six (6) hens on a property with a minimum overall lot area of ten thousand (10,000) square feet.

(c) A City permit is required for all chicken coops together with a Thirty Dollar (\$30.00) annual permit fee. The permit application shall include a plot plan based on the following guidelines:

(i) The coop, pen, cage, or similar structure shall be restricted to the rear or backyard of a residential use, and shall be located not less than five feet (5') from any property line.

(ii) No coop, pen, cage, or similar structure shall exceed one hundred twenty (120) square feet (includes coop space and chicken run) and shall be no taller than seven feet (7') at the highest point of the roof.

(iii) All animals must be kept in an area enclosed by a fence sufficient to prohibit escape; this is in addition to the coop, pen, cage, or other similar structure.

(d) All pens, coops, and cages shall be kept clean and free from objectionable odor and waste. Waste and debris must be kept from becoming offensive or a health hazard.

(e) Roosters are not permitted in R-1-6, R-1-8, R-1-10, and R-S zoning districts.

(f) No slaughter is allowed.

(g) A permit may be revoked upon the conviction of the permit holder of a violation of this Section.

(3) **Ownership and Maintenance of Apiaries (Honeybee, Apis Mellifera).** The purpose of this Section is to provide regulations for the keeping of apiaries in residential zones.

(a) Each beekeeper must register and maintain an active license with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

(b) A suitable source of water must be available to the colony(s) continuously between March 1 and October 31 of each year. The water shall be in a location that minimizes any nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring property.

(c) Hive(s) shall be restricted to the rear or backyard of a residential use.

(d) Hive(s) shall be placed on a property in a location that directs the general flight pattern of bees in a direction that will deter bee contact with humans and domesticated animals.

(e) A person shall not locate nor allow a hive on a property owned or occupied by another person without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.

(f) Each beekeeper shall ensure that bee comb and all beekeeping equipment are not abandoned on the site. All such equipment shall promptly be stored within a building or other bee-proof enclosures or disposed of in a sealed container.

(g) It is the beekeeper's responsibility to make attempts to prevent swarming.

(h) Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements for owning and maintaining apiaries, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain an apiary or to keep any colony on any property in a manner that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance. Bees and associated beehives may be ordered removed from any property if they are determined to be a nuisance.

(4) **Hives located in R-1-10, R-1-8, R-1-6, R-S, or A zoning districts on one (1) acre or less shall adhere to the following setbacks and criteria:**

(a) Hives shall be set back a minimum of five feet (5') from any property line and public right-of-way.

(b) Hives shall be a minimum of six inches (6") above the average grade with the total height not to exceed six feet (6').

(c) A flyway barrier is required when any aspect of a hive is located within twenty-five feet (25') of any property line or public right-of-way. Flyway barrier(s) must be six feet (6') in height, adjacent to the hive(s) and extend a minimum of ten feet (10') in length beyond the hive.

(d) The number of hives permitted is based on the residential lot size in Table 1.

Table 1

Lot Size	Permitted Number of Hives
0 – 10,890 sq. ft.	Up to 3 Hives
10,891 – 21,780 sq. ft.	Up to 5 Hives
21,781 – 32,670 sq. ft.	Up to 6 Hives
32,671 – 43,560 sq. ft.	Up to 8 Hives

(5) **Hives located in A and R-S zoning districts on lots larger than one (1) acre shall adhere to the following setbacks and criteria:**

(a) Hives shall be set back a minimum of ten feet (10') from any property line and public right-of-way.

(b) Hives shall be set back a minimum of fifty feet (50') from any primary residential structure on any adjacent lot.

(c) Hive(s) shall be placed on the property in a manner that the general flight pattern of bees is in a direction that will deter bee contact with humans and domesticated animals.

(d) Hives must be a minimum of six inches (6") above the ground.

(e) The keeping of apiaries for commercial purposes is permitted within A and R-S zoning districts on lots larger than one (1) acre.

(f) A flyway barrier is required when any aspect of a hive is located within twenty-five feet (25') of any property line or public right-of-way. Flyway barrier(s) must be six feet (6') in height, adjacent to the hive(s) and extend a minimum of ten feet (10') in length beyond the hive.

(g) The number of hives permitted in A and R-S zoning districts is based on lot size as shown in Table 2.

Table 2

Lot Size	Permitted Number of Hives
43,561 sq. ft. or larger	No Limit

(Ord. No. 97-19, Enacted, 04/17/97; Ord. No. 04-69, Recodified, 12/16/04; Ord. No. 10-02, Amended, 02/18/10; Ord. No. 12-26, Amended, 09/20/12; Ord. No. 15-17, Amended, 09/17/15)

19.06.090. Temporary permitted uses.

Upon written application showing proof of need, the Community and Economic Development Director or designated person may issue a building permit and temporary certificate of occupancy for the use of land by temporary buildings under the conditions noted in Subsections (1), (2), and (3) below. Temporary - mobile construction offices may be allowed in any zoning district as uses by right provided that the temporary certificate of occupancy shall be valid for a period of six (6) months, subject to renewal for not more than three (3) successive six (6) month periods. Renewals

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Valley Health Department regulation shall not be deemed to be adopted. (2001 Code § 50-2-204; Ord. 09-21, 7-14-2009)

The Salt Lake Valley Health Department requirements specific to honeybee management are found in General Sanitation Regulation Section of the SLVHD regulations and read as follows:

4.12. Requirements for Honeybee Management.

- 4.12.1. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or locate a beehive on any property in a way that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance. In a residential area, an apiary is not to exceed three stacks of five boxes each or an equivalent capacity.
- 4.12.2. A hive shall be placed on property so the general flight pattern of bees is in a direction that will deter bee contact with humans and domesticated animals on adjacent property or areas of public access.
- 4.12.3. A hive shall be supplied with adequate accessible fresh water continuously between March 1 and October 31 of each year. The water shall be in a location minimizing the nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring property.
- 4.12.4. A hive shall be located so the bees' flight pattern is six feet or more above frequently used areas of public access.
- 4.12.5. A person shall not locate or allow a hive on property owned or occupied by another person without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.

As the SLVHD regulations had already been adopted by the City, the requirements for honeybee management were currently in effect; however, there were no specific provisions in City Code that specifically allowed the keeping of bees in the non-agricultural areas of the City as the code was permissive (13-2-1K). For this reason, staff was suggesting that a new Section 6, be added to the Animal Control Section of City Code formally stating that beekeeping was allowed in the City subject to meeting SLVHD requirements.

6-3H-1: HONEYBEE MANAGEMENT:

The keeping of honeybees is allowed in all zoning districts within the City of West Jordan subject to compliance with the Salt Lake Valley Health Department, General Sanitation Regulation requirements, Section 4.12, or its successor relating to honeybee management.

As it was important to maintain the safety of residents, and the county requirements did not address hive placement or registration with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Process, staff was also suggesting that the following additional requirements be added to Section 6:

6-3H2: BEEKEEPER REGISTRATION:

Each beekeeper shall be registered with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Process and hives shall be operated and maintained as provided in the Utah Bee Inspection Act set forth in Title 4, Chapter 11 of the Utah Code, as amended. (Ord. 12-20, 00-00-2012)

6-3H-3: HIVES ON LOTS:

On lots less than 20,000 square feet, hives shall be located no less than 5' from any property line. Hives located between five feet (5') and fifteen feet (15') from any property line shall be surrounded by a six foot (6') flyway consisting of a fence, wall or dense foliage.

On all lots, if the apiary is located in an area that borders a public walk or street, the area shall be separated from the public walk or street by a fence or wall in compliance with Title 13.

In conclusion, he said adopting a beekeeping ordinance with the standards imposed would not be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of persons in the City.

Staff recommended that the Council accept the findings contained in the staff report concerning beekeeping in the City and approve the proposed Text Amendments to the City Code; Title 6, Animal Control.

Councilmember McConnehey expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts on the newly proposed beekeeping ordinance, and stated he could not be happier.

MOTION: Councilmember Stoker moved to adopt Ordinance 12-20, miscellaneous amendments to Title 6 of the West Jordan Municipal Code to allow beekeeping in the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Killpack.

A roll call vote was taken

Councilmember Hansen	Yes
Councilmember Killpack	Yes
Councilmember McConnehey	Yes
Councilmember Nichols	Absent
Councilmember Southworth	Yes
Councilmember Stoker	Yes
Mayor Johnson	Yes

The motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 4000 WEST ACCESS AND SAFETY CONCERNS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Johnson indicated she had put the subject item on the Agenda due to comments she had received from members of the community who were concerned about the construction on 4000 West. She introduced Brad Barker, on behalf of the concerned citizens (petition submitted), to address the Council.

Brad Barker, West Jordan resident, indicated he resided on the east side of 4000 West at 8250 South, which was right in the middle of the construction project. He understood that the road needed to be replaced, but he did not understand the approach in which it was being done. He addressed his frustrations with the project, which were primarily safety issues, including: 1) a one-way road verses a two-way road; 2) the placement of the stop lights; 3) there were spaces of many days that no work was being done on the project; 4) the double parking of the contractor's truck was obstructing the view of signage for drivers; 5) unmanaged access ways onto 4000 West, and 6) the lack of communication to the residents relating to the project.

Mayor Johnson informed all in attendance that there was another public meeting scheduled for the next day, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station #53 (7602 South Jordan Landing Boulevard).

MOTION: Councilmember Southworth moved to suspend the rules to allow for further public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Killpack and passed 6-0 in favor.

Mayor Johnson indicated the public would have the opportunity to address the Council following Dave Murphy's comments.



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SALT LAKE COUNTY ORDINANCES

The Salt Lake County Health Department enforces several county-wide ordinances. The two most common ordinances we get questions about are noise pollution and beekeeping.

[Health Regulation #21 - Community Noise Pollution Control Regulation \(PDF format\) \(fileadmin/downloads/county/ordinances/sl_county_noise_ordinance.pdf\)](#)

[General Sanitation Regulation \(PDF Format\) \(http://www.slvhealth.org/envRegs/pdf/07genSanitation.pdf\)](#) - waste removal, rodent control, honey bees and bee hives, health inspections

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**Salt Lake Valley Health Department
Health Regulation**

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**GENERAL SANITATION
REGULATION**

**Adopted by the Salt Lake Valley Board of Health
September 7, 1989**

**Amended
March 1, 2007**

**Under Authority of Section 26A-1-114
Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended**

to rabies; or has bit a human being; the owner of the rabies-exposed animal or animal that bit a human being shall report the incident to the local animal services agency, the Department, or the Utah State Department of Health.

4.10.4. Veterinarians, groomers, kennel operators, animal day cares, and others accommodating animals from multiple families at the same time shall be responsible for determining that dogs, cats, and ferrets are currently vaccinated for rabies prior to accepting the animal from their owners or caretakers for temporary housing, grooming, or other care on their premises.

4.11. **Physical Facilities for Kennels and Grooming Facilities.** Properly installed hot and cold potable water shall be available for proper sanitation.

4.12. **Requirements for Honeybee Management.**

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4.13. **Pigeon Loft Maintenance.**

4.13.1. Each domestic pigeon loft shall be operated and maintained clean and sanitary to prevent insect and/or rodent propagation, odors, nuisances, or conditions for the transmission of disease.

4.13.2. Domestic pigeons shall be confined to an approved pigeon loft except during controlled exercise periods.

4.14. **Wild Pigeon and Starling Control.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any property to permit wild pigeons or starlings to roost or harbor in any area if a nuisance or odor is