

CITY OF COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE
KEEPING AND MAINTAINING OF BEES IN THE
CITY OF COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS**

ADOPTED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLINSVILLE as follows:

Section 1: Sub-section 17.060.250 (Animals) of Chapter 17.060 (Supplementary District Regulations) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Collinsville Municipal Code, is hereby amended by the changing the title of Sub-section 17.060.20 to “Animals and Beekeeping,” and by the addition thereto of Paragraph D (Beekeeping), to be read in its entirety as follows:

“17.060.250 Animals and Beekeeping.

D. Beekeeping. Bees may be kept in a single-family residential setting, provided all restrictions and requirements of this section are observed accordingly.

1. *State Permit.* A permit shall be obtained from the Illinois Department of Agriculture prior to commencing the keeping of bees and shall be renewed annually.
2. *City Permit.* A permit shall also be obtained from the City, valid for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the date of issuance.
3. *Expiration.* If the permit holder’s registration as a beekeeper with the Illinois Department of Agriculture expires or lapses and is not renewed for a period of more than 60 days, any permit for beekeeping issued by the City shall likewise be deemed automatically revoked.
4. *Application.* The permit application for the City shall at a minimum include a detailed drawing depicting the yard, property line location, hive location(s), and screening (if applicable) with size, height, material and location of each. Further information from an applicant may be requested by the City.
5. *Transfer of permit.* Permits are not transferrable or assignable in that they shall not travel with the owner to a new site nor assign to a new owner of the permitted location.
6. *Permit fee.* The permit fee shall be established in Title 4 – Fees the Collinsville Municipal Code

7. *Allowance.* Beekeeping shall be limited to single-family residential properties and shall be subject to the following:
- a. *Number.* The number of beehives per applicant is as follows:
 - i. Any single-family property with a lot size of less than 10,000 square feet may be allowed up to a maximum of three (3) hives per residence.
 - ii. Any single-family property greater than 10,000 square feet may be allowed up to a maximum of five (5) hives per residence.
 - iii. Any single-family property with a lot size greater than one acre may be allowed up to a maximum of seven (7) hives per residence, with one additional hive per acre above one acre.
 - iv. One nucleus colony is permitted in addition to any apiary per residence.
 - b. *Types of bees.* Any species of *Apis Mellifera* (the common honeybee) or any genus of *Osmia* (mason bees) shall be allowed. Any other type of bee is not permitted.
 - c. *Water sources.* Beekeepers shall ensure that a convenient and adequate source of fresh water is maintained on the owner's property within ten (10) feet of the hive at all times to mitigate bees from straying from the property in search of water. Examples of sources of water beekeepers can provide include:
 - i. A faucet in the apiary that is left to drip steadily,
 - ii. Entrance feeders (quart jars with holes in the lids) filled with water and placed on the colony(ies), or
 - iii. A tub of water with wood floats to prevent the bees from drowning; however, if using tubs of water, beekeepers shall change the water periodically to avoid stagnation and mosquito breeding.
 - d. *Stacking of colonies.* The stacking of colonies is prohibited; no apiary may have more than one colony per beehive. No colony shall have more than one queen.
8. *Location of hives.* The keeping of apiaries shall be restricted to the rear yard.
- a. *Containment.* Bees shall not be kept in any part of the residential structure, including the garage.
 - b. *Housing of bees.* All bee colonies shall be kept in inspectable type hives with removable combs, which shall be kept in found and usable condition.
 - c. *Location.* Hives shall abide by the setbacks outlined in the Collinsville Zoning Code for Accessory use development and operational standards.
 - d. *Buffer around schools.* No property immediately adjacent to a school building

or playground may have any apiary unless said apiary is screened by natural vegetation; or has a six (6) foot solid fence enclosure; or other method as approved by the City.

9. *Nuisances.* Any bee hive or beekeeper in violation of this chapter are hereby declared to be a public nuisance which may be abated in the manner prescribed by the Collinsville Municipal Code addressing nuisances, as revised and amended, and/or by injunctive relief by a court of competent jurisdiction.
10. *Inspections.* All residences shall be inspected upon application for permit, prior to issuance. Inspections may be conducted at any time on an as-needed basis or in response to complaints.
11. *Violations.* Violations shall subject the permit holder to citation, fines, and penalties, including possible revocation of the permit.
12. *Unpermitted bees.* All apiaries or beehives in existence as of the effective date of this Chapter shall have ninety (90) days to obtain the required permits. An extension may be granted at the discretion of the City to allow time to comply with this section.
13. *Grandfathering of permits.* Should the City take action to eliminate or cease the keeping of bees at any time in the future, any permit holder approved under the provisions of this Chapter shall be allowed to continue to keep the approved number of apiaries, so long as the permit holder is otherwise in compliance with this Section.
14. *Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act.* Any regulations not mentioned or required by the City is still subject to the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act, as amended.”

SECTION 2. All ordinances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. Nothing contained herein shall in any manner be deemed or construed to alter, modify, supersede, supplant or otherwise nullify any other ordinance of the City or the requirements thereof whether or not relating to or in any manner connected with the subject matter hereof, unless expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective upon its passage by the City Council, approval by the Mayor, and publication according to law.


PASSED by the City Council on August 26, 2019.

Ayes: Jerome, Hausmann, Stehman, Green, Miller

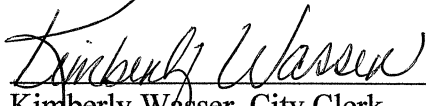
Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved: August 26, 2019.



John Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kimberly Wasser, City Clerk

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