

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.07, 12.07.01, 12.07.1 and 12.08 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish new regulations for backyard beekeeping on single-family residential zoned properties (RA, RE, RS, R1).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 12.03 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding the following definitions in proper alphabetical order to read as follows:

**APIARY.** The place where bees are kept and maintained, usually in a collection of hives or colonies.

**BEE.** Any stage of life of the common domestic honey bee. (Apis Mellifera).

**BEEKEEPING, BACKYARD.** The keeping or maintenance of an apiary in a hive as an accessory use.

**HIVE.** A structure that houses a bee colony.

Sec. 2. Subdivision 13 of Subsection A of Section 12.07 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

13. Backyard beekeeping, as an accessory use, provided that:

(a) The applicant is registered as a beekeeper with the County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commission.

(b) The number of hives is limited to one for every 2,500 square feet of lot area.

(c) Hives are not located in the required front yard of a lot, including through lots.

(d) Hives are located a minimum of five feet from the front, side, and rear lot lines and a minimum of 20 feet from public rights-of-way or private streets.

(e) Hive entrances face away from, or parallel to, the nearest lot line adjacent to another lot.

(f) A six-foot wall, fence, or hedge is located between hives and adjacent lots, or hives are placed at a minimum of eight feet above ground level of the adjacent lot. The purpose of this provision is to provide a solid barrier to help direct bees over six feet above ground level when departing the lot to minimize interactions between bees and individuals in the vicinity.

(g) A water source for bees shall be provided at all times on the property where the bees are kept to discourage bee visitation at swimming pools, hose bibs and other water sources on adjacent public or surrounding property.

Sec. 3. A new Subdivision 10 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.07.01 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

10. Backyard beekeeping, as an accessory use, provided that the activity complies with the performance standards established in Section 12.07 A.13 of this Code.

Sec. 4. A new Subdivision 10 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.07.1 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

10. Backyard beekeeping, as an accessory use, provided that the activity complies with the performance standards established in Section 12.07 A.13 of this Code.

Sec. 5. A new Subdivision 10 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.08 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

10. Backyard beekeeping, as an accessory use, provided that the activity complies with the performance standards established in Section 12.07 A.13 of this Code.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

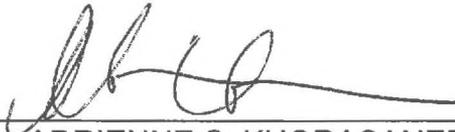
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
ADRIENNE S. KHORASANEE  
Deputy City Attorney

Date 9/16/15

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I approve this ordinance on behalf of the City Planning Commission and recommend that it be adopted . . . . .

September 17, 2015

See attached report. *FOR ML*

  
Michael LoGrande  
Director of Planning

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