

Chapter 6.14 BEEKEEPING

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6.14.010 Legislative Findings.

The Governing Body of the City of Overland Park, Kansas, finds that there is a need to regulate and set minimum standards for the keeping of bees within the corporate limits of the City to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Overland Park.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 1, 83)

6.14.020 Keeping of Bees.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, establish, or maintain any hive, stand, box, or apiary or keep any bees in or upon any premises within the corporate limits of the City unless the bees are kept in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 2, 83)

6.14.030 Keeping of a Hive, Stand, Box, or Apiary.

No hive, stand, or apiary shall be placed or kept:

- A. Closer than 25 feet to the property line of adjoining residential property if a house or other building used for residential purposes is located on such property;
- B. Or closer than 75 feet to any house or other building used for residential purposes other than the residence of the keeper of such bees without first obtaining written permission of such land, which permission may be revoked at any time;
- C. Or closer than 100 feet to the exterior line of the traveled portion of a public street;
- D. Or upon land not owned or possessed by the keeper of such bees without first obtaining written permission to do so from the owner or person lawfully in possession of such land, which permission may be revoked at any time.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 3, 83)

6.14.040 Multiple Number of Beehives.

No more than three beehives shall be placed or kept in a location which is between 75 feet and 600 feet from a house or other building used for residential purposes other than the residence of the keeper of such bees.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 4, 83)

6.14.050 Subsequent Development of Adjacent Properties.

Provided that should adjacent property be later developed, or residential structures located closer than the distances herein prescribed, the keeper shall move such hives, stands, boxes, or apiaries to comply with these regulations.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 5, 83)

6.14.060 Owner's Hives on Other Properties.

Every person owning a hive, stand, box, or apiary located on premises other than where he resides shall identify such hive, stand, box or apiary by a sign or other prominent marking stating in letters at least one inch high on a contrasting background the name, address, and phone number of the owner of such equipment.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 6, 83)

6.14.070 Water Facilities.

Fresh, clean, watering facilities for the bees shall be provided within 25 feet of each hive, stand, box or apiary.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 7, 83)

6.14.080 Exemptions.

Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed or construed to prohibit the keeping of bees within a school or university building for the purpose of study or observation, or within a physician's office or laboratory for the purpose of medical research, treatment, or other scientific purposes.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 8, 83)

6.14.085 Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this chapter or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this chapter or any part thereof.

(History: Ord. DAC-1311 ' 23, 85)

6.14.090 Violations and Penalty.

The violation of any provision of 6.14.030 through 6.14.080 is a public offense and any person convicted thereof shall be punished as provided in 1.12.010 of the Overland Park Municipal Code. Each day that any violation of these sections shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(History: Ord. BK-1198 ' 9, 83)

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