

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL ORDER

23.42.052 - Keeping of animals E.

Beekeeping. Beekeeping is permitted outright as an accessory use, when registered with the State Department of Agriculture, provided that:

1.No more than four hives, each with only one swarm, are allowed on lots of less than 10,000 square feet.

2.Hives shall not be located within 25 feet of any lot line except when situated 8 feet or more above the grade immediately adjacent to the grade of the lot on which the hives are located or when situated less than 8 feet above the adjacent existing lot grade and behind a solid fence or hedge six (6) feet high parallel to any lot line within 25 feet of a hive and extending at least 20 feet beyond the hive in both directions.

- **Chapter 10.36 - BEEKEEPING**

Sections:

- **10.36.010 - Maintenance and registration of colonies.**

A. It shall be the duty of any person, firm or corporation having honey bees, *apis mellifera* on its property to maintain each colony in the following condition:

1. Colonies shall be maintained in movable-frame hives.
2. Adequate space shall be maintained in the hive to prevent overcrowding and swarming.
3. Colonies shall be re-queened following any swarming or aggressive behavior.

B. All colonies shall be registered with the Director of Agriculture pursuant to RCW 15.60.030 prior to April 1st of each year.

- **10.36.020 - Nuisances designated.**

Bees living in trees, buildings, or any other space except in movable-frame hives; abandoned colonies; or diseased bees shall constitute a public nuisance and subject the owner to the penalties imposed by Section 1 of Ordinance

- **10.36.030 - Abatement of nuisances.**

Activities or places not meeting these standards shall be deemed public nuisances. The Corporation Counsel shall maintain a civil action to abate and prevent such nuisances. Upon

judgment and order of the court, such nuisance shall be condemned and destroyed in the manner directed by the court or released upon such conditions as the court in its discretion may impose to secure that the nuisance will be abated; the owner of such nuisance shall be liable for a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).