

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 in 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 definitions of “Apiary”, “Backyard Beekeeping”, “Bee”, and “Hive” in proper alphabetical order to read:

APIARY. The keeping or maintenance of Bees in a collection of Hives or colonies.

BEE. Any stage 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 for the housing of a Bee colony.

Section 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) Applicant is registered as a beekeeper with the County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commission.
 - (b) Number of Hives is limited to one for every 2,500 square feet of Lot Area.
 - (c) 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 street.
 - (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 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) Beekeeping is done in accordance with the Department of City Planning Backyard Beekeeping Guidelines.
- (h) Colonies of bees do not exhibit defensive or objectionable behavior, or interfere with normal use of neighboring lots, and that Hives do not become abandoned by resident bees or by owner.

Section 3. Add a Subdivision 10 to Subsection A of Section 12.07.01 of Article 2 or 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.

Section 4. Add a Subdivision 10 to Subsection A of Section 12.07.1 of Article 2 or 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.

Section 5. Add a Subdivision 10 to Subsection A of Section 12.08 of Article 2 or 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.

Section 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, by a majority vote of all of its members, at its meeting of

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HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By _____ Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

Mike Feuer, City Attorney

By _____
CATRINA M. ARCHULETA
Deputy City Attorney

Date _____

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

_____, 2015

See attached report.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE
Director of Planning