

CODE

**CITY OF REDMOND
ORDINANCE NO. 2960**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 7.04.154
BEEKEEPING OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE,
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond periodically updates the Redmond Municipal Code to correct non-substantive errors such as those resulting from outdated or incorrect references, to reflect changes to names and terminology, and to ensure the code's clarity; and

WHEREAS, Redmond Municipal Code section 7.04.154 Beekeeping states that beekeeping, where permitted, is subject to the certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, beekeeping is not listed as a permitted use in any City of Redmond zoning designations; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the requirements identified by Redmond Municipal Code section 7.04.154 Beekeeping to apply as set forth; and

WHEREAS, state agencies received 60-day notice of the proposed amendments on October 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act checklist was prepared and a Determination of SEPA Exemption was issued on October 31, 2018 for the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the City Council's action on this proposed amendment was provided on March 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public meeting on February 19, 2019 to consider the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond desires to amend portions of the Redmond Municipal Code as set forth in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Redmond Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment of Section. RMC 7.04.154
Beekeeping, is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.04.154 Beekeeping.

Beekeeping[~~, WHERE PERMITTED,~~] is subject to the following requirements:

(A) No more than four hives per lot shall be allowed in areas zoned R-1, R-2, or R-3, and no more than two hives per lot shall be allowed in areas zoned R-4, R-5

or R-6, provided, that a beekeeper who picks up a swarm of bees may hold them for a period of no more than two weeks, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.

(B) Colonies shall be maintained in small movable frame hives.

(C) Adequate space shall be maintained in the hives to prevent overcrowding and swarming.

(D) Colonies shall be requeened with a young hybrid queen annually, or as often as necessary to prevent any swarming or aggressive behavior.

(E) All colonies shall be registered with the Washington State Department of Agriculture in accordance with apiary law, RCW 15.60.030.

(F) Hives shall not be located within twenty-five feet of any property line, except under the following conditions:

(1) When situated eight feet or more above adjacent ground level; or

(2) When there is a solid fence at least six feet high separating the hive from the property line, extending at least twenty feet from the hive along the property line in both directions.

(G) 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 shall be abated, as set forth in this chapter.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five days after its publication, or publication of a summary thereof, in the city's official newspaper, or as otherwise provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 16th day of April,
2019.

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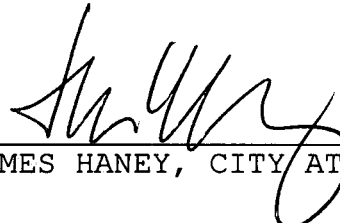

JOHN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MICHELLE M. HART, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JAMES HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: April 2, 2019
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: April 16, 2019
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR: April 19, 2019
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YES: ANDERSON, BIRNEY, CARSON, FIELDS, MARGESON, MYERS, PADHYE