

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE I, SECTION 5-1 “RESTRICTIONS ON ANIMALS” OF THE LIBERTY CITY CODE

Whereas, the City of Liberty works to maintain the general health, safety and welfare of the City; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Liberty to foster a responsible and humane environment for animals and outline regulations governing the care and maintenance of animals within the City limits of Liberty; and

Whereas, regulating honey bee operations within a City environment is a legitimate public purpose for the protection of the honey bees and to maintain the general health, safety and welfare of the community.

Now Therefore, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Liberty, South Carolina that:

Section 1: Amendment to Section 5-1d of Chapter 5, Article I of the Liberty Code of Ordinances

The language included in Section 5-1d of Chapter 5, Article I of the Liberty Code of Ordinances shall be rescinded and replaced with the following:

Sec. 5-1. - Restrictions on Animals

(d) Honey bees

1. A beekeeping permit from the city shall be required for all beekeepers. The beekeeping permit will be valid as long as the permit holder complies with the standards in this section as well as any future amendments.
2. The beekeeper shall live on the premise where bees are kept. Should the beekeeper move off premise, the colonies shall be removed.
3. There shall be a maximum of five colonies.
4. All managed colonies shall be kept in visually pleasing painted hives with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and useable condition and kept in a neat and

sanitary condition at all times, and in a manner that will not adversely impact neighboring properties.

5. No beekeeping equipment shall be placed in front of the front building line(s), and shall be situated at least 5 feet from all property lines. No managed colony shall be within 40 feet of any main building on an adjacent lot.
6. If a beehive is next to an actively used yard, a flyway barrier at least six feet in height consisting of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or combination thereof shall be installed parallel to the property line and must run 8 feet from the centerline of the hive(s).
7. All colonies shall be maintained with queens selected from European stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics. If a hive exhibits unusual defensive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation the beekeeper shall promptly re-queen the colony. Africanized honey bees or any hybrid involving the African species shall be prohibited.
8. All packages or queens purchased or sold from out of state must be in compliance with state requirements and laws.

Section 2

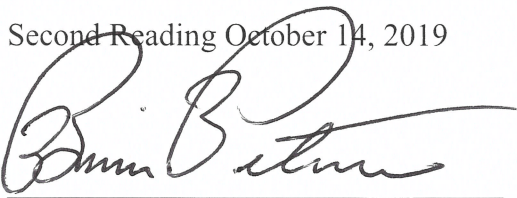
This Ordinance shall become effective upon date of passage, designated as Ordinance No. 2019-12.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND PASSED this 7th Day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

First Reading September 9, 2019

Second Reading October 14, 2019



Brian Petersen, Mayor



Bruce Evilsizor, City Administrator