

Ordinance 978

An Ordinance Allowing the Keeping of Bees

The Maplewood City Council approves the following changes to the Maplewood Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. This section amends the animal chapter to allow the keeping of bees as a permitted use in all zoning districts.

Chapter 10 (Animals), Article XI (Bees)

Sec. 10-511. – Purpose.

Promote the conservation, health, and diversity of bee pollinators through best practices in the keeping of bees.

Sec. 10-512. – Definitions.

Bee means a domestic honeybee of the species *Apis mellifera*

Beekeeper means a person who is responsible for the keeping of bees on a property.

Beekeeping means the keeping of bees in a hive.

Hive means a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.

Sec. 10-513. – Beekeeping as an Accessory Use.

Beekeeping is permitted outright (in all zoning districts) as an accessory use.

Sec. 10-514. – Nuisances.

Beekeepers must not cause a public nuisance with their beekeeping.

Sec. 10-515. – Hive Regulations:

- (1) Located at least five (5) feet from any property line with the front of the hive facing in toward the property.
- (2) Located at least ten (10) feet from a public sidewalk with the front of the hive facing in toward the property.
- (3) Located at least twenty-five (25) feet from a principal building on an adjoining lot.

The Maplewood City Council approved this ordinance on June 11, 2018.