

ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE NO. 998

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE (DGA-81-18) BY AMENDING SECTION 20C.10.240(05) TO PERMIT BEEKEEPING IN SUBURBAN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 20C.20.020(15) REGULATING BEEKEEPING; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Redmond Policy Advisory Commission conducted a public hearing upon proposed Development Guide Amendment DGA-81-18 relating to beekeeping and following said hearing forwarded its recommendations concerning the proposed amendment to the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, considered said recommendations at a public meeting and determined that the proposed amendment to the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide should be made and that said amendment will promote the general welfare of the citizens of the City, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The chart entitled "Permitted Land Uses" which has been incorporated into the Community Development Guide by Section 20C.10.240(05) is hereby amended to identify the entry "Beekeeping" in the Land Use column under the heading "Resource Management" as a separate entry, and to indicate that beekeeping is permitted in Suburban Residence Districts--R-4, R-5, R-6, in addition to the zones in which beekeeping is presently permitted.

Section 2. Section 20C.20.020(15) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"20C.20.020(15) 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; 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 re-queened 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 moveable frame hives), abandoned colonies or diseased bees shall constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated, as set forth in Section 20E.10.050 of the Development Guide."

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after passage and posting by publication as provided by law.

CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR, CHRISTINE T. HIMES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, PAUL F. KUSAKABE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY 

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	October 14, 1981
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	October 20, 1981
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:	October 20, 1981
POSTED:	October 22, 1981
EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 27, 1981