

Burlingame Proposed Municipal Code Changes

Title 9 ANIMALS

Chapter 9.08 KEEPING

9.08.040 Bees

~~It is unlawful to keep, maintain or permit more than one hive of bees upon any single lot, piece or parcel of land, within two hundred (200) feet of any dwelling house. (1941 Code § 1336)~~

We recommend replacing with wording based on Chapter 8.28 BEES, City of San Mateo, November 2017

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9.08.041 Keeping of bees - conditions.

A. Adequate Water Source Required

All properties on which beehives are kept must provide for adequate water sources on the property at all times of year and must ensure that they do not become a mosquito-breeding site. Adequate sources are ones that provide both an amount of fresh water necessary for the amount of bees or beehives and a method for the bees to be able to gain a good footing to obtain the water.

B. Flyway Required.

Beekeepers shall manage the direction and angle of the bee flyway from the entrance of the hive by properly siting and orienting the hives and by using flyway barriers as needed to modify the angle in order to keep the flyway over the beekeeper's property until the bees are flying eight or more feet above the ground

9.08.042 Nuisance when.

No person shall manage bees under such conditions as to create a source of constant annoyance or discomfort to any person.

9.08.050 Prohibited animals.

It is unlawful to keep or maintain or cause to be kept or maintained within the city any horse, mule, cow, sheep, goat or exotic animal.

"Exotic animal" means any of the following:

(e) Any species of animal which is venomous to human beings whether its venom is transmitted by bite, sting, touch or other means, **except bees.** (1941 Code § 1337, Ord. 1088 § 3, (1976))

9.08.060 Nuisances.

The keeping or maintaining of any animal ~~or bees~~ otherwise than as provided in this chapter shall constitute a nuisance. (1941 Code § 1338, Ord. 1088 § 4, (1976))

9.08.070 Exemptions.

The provisions of this chapter are not applicable to the following:

- (a) Owners who use animals for diagnostic purposes or research, and who have a valid permit issued by a governmental agency and whose animals are kept on the premises specified in the permit;
- (b) Owners who use animals for teaching purposes in recognized educational institutions and whose animals are kept on the premises of the institution or other authorized place;
- (c) Owners of establishments which treat or board animals on the premises and which are owned or operated by veterinarians licensed by the state of California;
- (d) Owners of establishments licensed to keep animals for the purpose of resale whose animals are kept on the premises of such establishment or other authorized place. (Ord. 1088 § 5, (1976))