

## Dane County Comprehensive Revision of Zoning Ordinance

### Domestic beekeeping: proposed language (REVISED 1/19/2017)

#### Definitions:

(40) **Domestic beekeeping.** The keeping of bees in a residential zoning district.

#### Standards and conditions:

(10) **Domestic fowl and beekeeping.**

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose and intent of this section is to provide a listing of standards that shall apply to the keeping of domestic fowl and bees in residential yards. The standards are designed to ensure that the keeping of fowl and insects is done in a responsible manner that protects the public health, safety, and welfare and avoids conflicts with neighboring uses.
- (b) **Fowl.** The keeping of up to 8 domestic fowl in the yards of single family residences or duplexes located in any zoning district shall be a permitted use, if such use complies with the following:
  - 1. Domestic fowl shall not be slaughtered on the premises.
  - 2. Domestic fowl must have access to a covered enclosure.
  - 3. Domestic fowl shall not be allowed to roam free and must be kept in a covered enclosure or fenced enclosure at all times.
  - 4. Covered and fenced enclosures must be clean, dry and odor-free, and kept in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of adjacent lots
- (c) **Bees.** The keeping of honeybees in the yards of single family residences or duplexes located in any zoning district shall be a permitted use, if the use complies with the following:
  - 1. Each residential lot shall be allowed to have at least 6 hives per lot. For residential lots over 10,000 square feet, no more than one hive per 1,600 square feet of lot area is permitted.
  - 2. A supply of water shall be provided for all hives.
  - 3. A flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall shield any part of a property line that is within twenty-five (25) feet of a hive. The flyway barrier shall consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof and it shall be positioned to transect both legs of a triangle extending from an apex at the hive to each end point of the part of the property line to be shielded.
- (d) **Location of covered and fenced enclosures and hives.**
  - 1. Covered and fenced enclosures or hives shall be within the rear or side yard, and must be at least three (3) feet from any property line.
  - 2. Covered and fenced enclosures or hives shall not be closer than 25 feet to any principal residence on an adjacent lot.
  - 3. Covered and fenced enclosures shall not be located closer than 75 feet from the ordinary high water mark of any lake, river, or stream.