

**City of St. Charles, Illinois**

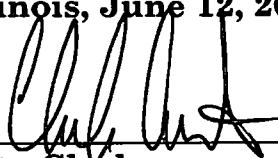
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**Ordinance No. 2017-M-12**

**Ordinance Amending Title 6 of the St. Charles  
Municipal Code, Entitled "Animals", Chapter 6.04  
"Definitions" by adding Section 6.04.055 "Beekeeping"  
and Chapter 6.12 "Regulations", by adding Section  
6.12.085 "Beekeeping".**

**Adopted by the  
City Council  
of the  
City of St. Charles  
June 5, 2017**

**Published in pamphlet form by  
authority of the City Council  
of the City of St. Charles,  
Kane and Du Page Counties,  
Illinois, June 12, 2017**

  
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City Clerk

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“Beekeeping”**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Charles is a Home Rule Municipality duly organized and existing pursuant to the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Laws of the State of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of St. Charles has found that honey bees can be maintained within populated areas in reasonable densities without causing a nuisance if the bees are properly located and carefully managed; and

**WHEREAS**, honey bees are a benefit to mankind by providing agriculture, fruit, garden pollination services and by furnishing honey, wax and other useful products; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of St. Charles.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** That Title 6 “Animals”, Chapter 6.04 “Definitions” of the St. Charles Municipal Code, be and is hereby amended by adding Section 6.04.055 “Beekeeping” to read as follows:

“6.04.055 – Beekeeping: The maintenance of honeybee colonies, for any purpose including, but not limited to, the collection of honey and other products that hives produce or as a hobby.”

**Section Two:** That Title 6 “Animals”, Chapter 6.12 “Regulations”, of the St Charles Municipal Code by and is hereby amended by adding section 6.12.085 “Beekeeping” to read as follows:

**DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Section:

“Apiary” shall mean a place where bee colonies are kept.

“Bee” shall mean any stage of the common domestic honey bee.

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“Colony” shall mean a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.

“Hive” shall mean a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.

*Registration of Hives:*

All Bee colonies must be registered with the state of Illinois Department of Agriculture.

All bee colonies must be kept in inspectable type hives with removable combs, which must be kept in sound and usable condition.

*Signage:*

Beekeepers shall conspicuously post a weatherproof sign at least ten (10) inches by one (1) foot on all lot lines facing abutting properties and on the Beehive or Apiary fence outside of the latched gate with the statement, “State Registered Beehive(s) on Property” or similar language that makes clear that bees are on the premises. The sign must be visible and easily read from outside the property.

*Water:*

Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water within ten (10) feet of the Beehive is available at all times to the bees so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, bibcocks, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact. The water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant.

*Maintenance:*

Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials that might encourage robbing are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.

*Prohibited:*

The keeping by any person of bee colonies in the City not in compliance with this Section is prohibited. Any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned, neglected, or mismanaged by the beekeeper, is unlawful.

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*Beehive Location:*

Apiaries may only be located and maintained in residential districts with single family owner occupied residences occupied by the Beekeeper.

- (a) Apiaries shall be located only in a rear yard.
- (b) Apiaries shall be located at least twenty (20) feet from all side and rear property lines.
- (c) Apiaries and Beehives shall not be permitted on rooftops or balconies.

**PRESENTED** to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties,

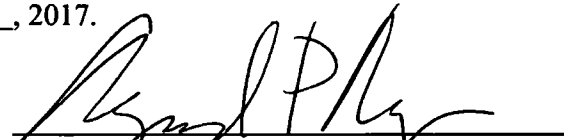
Illinois this 5th day of June, 2017.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties,

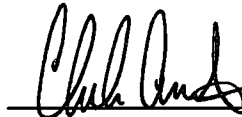
Illinois this 5th day of June, 2017.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties,

Illinois this 5th day of June, 2017.

  
Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: 9  
Nays: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: 1  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_



State of Illinois )  
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 ) ss.  
Counties of Kane and DuPage )

## Certificate

I, CHUCK AMENTA, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal City Clerk of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

I further certify that on June 5, 2017, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 2017-M-12, entitled

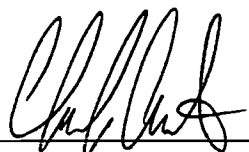
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which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2017-M-12, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on June 5, 2017, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

DATED at St. Charles, Illinois, this 5th day of June, 2017.



  
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Municipal Clerk