



Bee Keeping - CIOSI

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Seeking Council consensus on whether the City should regulate bee keeping as a hobby in residential areas, and if so, what language to include in the ordinance.



Cities with an ordinance

- Phoenix
 - Must have at least 6,000 sq/ft of vacant area
 - One hive per 1,700 sq/ft of vacant area
 - Must be kept at least 5 ft from the boundary of the lot
 - Must have an adequate water supply
 - Must have written permission from surrounding property owners – cannot be revoked for 5 years



Cities with an ordinance

- Queen Creek
 - Must be permitted by the City
 - Must have an adequate water supply
 - Must be kept at least 30 ft from the boundary of the lot
 - Must be kept in a manner that does not present a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare of neighboring residents
- Maricopa
 - Must be kept 75 ft from neighboring residences



Cities with an ordinance

- Tempe
 - Not permitted in single family or multifamily districts
 - Must be at least 200 ft from an existing dwelling on another property
 - Must be at least 50 ft from the boundary of the lot
 - Must be at least 150 ft from any street or bridle path



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- Proposed Glendale ordinance
 - Require an adequate water supply
 - Limit the number of hives based on available lot space
 - Minimum available area of 6,000 sq/ft
 - One hive per 1,700 sq/ft of available area
 - Distance requirements;
 - 50 ft from the boundary of the lot
 - 200 ft from any existing dwelling
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