



**CITY OF BALLWIN**  
14811 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-**

INTRODUCED BY  
ALDERMEN TERBROCK, FINLEY, ROACH, STALLMANN, FLEMING, LEAHY, KERLAGON, BULLINGTON

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**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BEEKEEPING IN THE CITY OF BALLWIN**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognizes the importance of bees as pollinators for the preservation of the ecosystem; but seeks to regulate the safekeeping of bees for the comfort and safety of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5-1(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ballwin shall be repealed and replaced with the following:

**Sec. 5-1. - Keeping animals within city restricted.**

(a) Except for dogs, cats, bees and non-domestic animals which are otherwise provided for in this Code, and traditional household pets such as caged birds, similar caged animals and aquarium animals, no person shall keep, raise, harbor, water or offer for sale any cattle, cow, bull, hog, horse, mule, jennet pony, donkey, sheep, pig, goat, chicken, goose, duck, turkey, rabbit, skunk, raccoon or any other domestic or wild animal or fowl within the city, unless such animal or fowl are kept in an enclosed area on a tract of land of two or more acres in size.

Section 2. Chapter 5, Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ballwin shall be amended by adding the following:

**Sec. 5-15.- Bees; General Regulations.**

- a. No person may keep upon his premises any bees except as provided in this article.
- b. In addition to complying with the terms of this Article, the location, size, number and construction of enclosures and shelters shall comply with Chapter 7 and the accessory structures provisions of Appendix A, Article XVI, Section 17 of the City.
- c. When a conflict occurs between this Article and Chapter 7 or Appendix A, Article XVI, Section 17, the most stringent regulation shall apply.
- d. All shelters and enclosures shall be located in a “rear yard” as that term is defined in Section 1-2 of this Code.
- e. All bee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable combs, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

- f. Hives are not permitted within five (5) feet of a lot line as measured from the closest point of the lot to the closest point of the hive.
- g. Any hive within 25 feet of a lot line shall not open towards that lot line unless that lot line shall have a flyway barrier of at least six (6) feet in height. The flyway barrier shall consist of one or a combination of the following: vegetative barrier, solid wall, fence, or other acceptable barrier.
- h. No hive is permitted within ten (10) feet of a building used for human habitation on an adjoining lot as measured from the closest point of the building to the closest point of the hive.
- i. Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available at all times. The water source shall be located on the same property as the hive and within fifty (50) feet of the hive or less than one-half the distance to the nearest unnatural water source, whichever is closest. The water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant.

**Sec. 5-16.- Penalty for Violation.**

Any person who violates any provision of this Article may be fined not more than One thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation and each day or part of a day shall be considered a separate violation.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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*TIM POGUE, MAYOR*

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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*TIM POGUE, MAYOR*

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*ERIC HANSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR*