

ORDINANCE NO. 654

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 634,
THE GOLD BEACH ZONING ORDINANCE
ALLOWING FOR THE KEEPING OF BEES FOR PERSONAL USE**

WHEREAS, the City Council received several request to amend the Gold Beach Zoning Ordinance to allow for the keeping of bees for personal use; and

WHEREAS, the current Zoning Ordinance is silent on the prohibition or keeping of bees; and

WHEREAS, several cities have eased restrictions on the keeping of bees for domestic purposes; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2014, the City Council discussed proposed regulations to allow the limited, responsible, keeping of bees in residential and commercial use areas and directed staff to prepare an ordinance amendment allowing for the keeping of bees for personal use.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH, OREGON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

The keeping of bees for personal use is permitted outright, subject to the conditions listed below, in the following Residential and Commercial Zones:

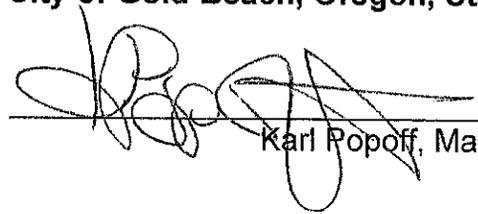
Residential Zone (1-R)	Section 2.020 (8)
Residential Zone (2-R)	Section 2.120 (7)
Residential Zone (3-R)	Section 2.220 (9)
Commercial Zone (4-C)	Section 2.320 (22)

Bees. The keeping or maintaining of bees, bee colonies, bee hives, combs, or containers of any kind or character wherein bees are hived is subject to the following:

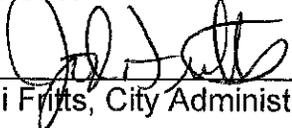
1. Registration with the city is required to keep beehives within the city limits and the City Administrator shall provide a beekeeping registration process.
2. No more than three (3) bee colonies shall be kept or maintained on properties of less than one acre.
3. No more than five (5) bee colonies shall be kept or maintained on properties of one acre or greater.
4. Bee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

5. For each colony permitted to be maintained under this ordinance, there may also be maintained upon the same property, one nucleus colony in a hive structure not to exceed one standard 9-5/8 inch depth 10-frame hive body.
6. In each instance where a colony is kept less than twenty five (25) feet from a property line, a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall be maintained parallel to the property line for a minimum of ten (10) feet in either direction from the hive. The flyway barrier may consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof, such that bees will fly over rather than through the material to reach the colony.
7. A constant supply of fresh water shall be provided for the colonies on site within fifteen (15) feet of each hive.
8. Each beekeeper shall ensure that no wax comb or other material that might encourage robbing by other bees are left upon the grounds of the property. Such materials once removed from the site shall be handled and stored in sealed containers or placed within a building or other insect proof container.
9. If the beekeeper serves the community by removing a swarm or swarms of honey bees from locations where they are not desired, the beekeeper shall be permitted to temporarily house the swarm on the property for no more than 60 days from the date acquired. If the beekeeper is not at hive capacity shall be permitted to keep the hive permanently.
10. Africanized bees are prohibited.
11. The sale of surplus honey or bee's wax produced on site shall be permitted on the property where the keeping of bees is permitted provided the property owner meets the general Home Occupation standards in Section 3.050.

Passed and Adopted by the City Council of the City of Gold Beach, Oregon, State of Oregon, on the 11th day of May, 2015.


Karl Popoff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jodi Fritts, City Administrator

First Reading: April 13, 2015
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Second Reading: May 11, 2015
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0