



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item number: 4d

Title:	Recommendation to Approve an 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 Prohibited.”
Presenter:	Bob Vann, Building & Code Enforcement Division Manager

Meeting: Planning & Development Committee

Date: September 12, 2016

Proposed Cost: \$N/A

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted:

Executive Summary *(if not budgeted please explain):*

At the August Planning & Development meeting staff requested feedback and direction from the Committee on the activity of beekeeping. Currently City Code does not provide standards for this activity. Following staff presentation and discussion, the Committee directed staff to draft an ordinance for the Committee’s consideration.

Based on staff’s understanding, the proposed ordinance for beekeeping will have the following provisions.

- 1) The activity of beekeeping is prohibited within the City corporate limits.
- 2) The activity of beekeeping shall be permitted by other units of governments owning property within City corporate limits, also known as “community bee gardens.”
- 3) An existing bee garden that does not meet the proposed standards has an amortization date of one (1) year and shall be removed and discontinued.

Attachments *(please list):*

Draft copy of ordinance prohibiting beekeeping within the City’s corporation limits of the City of St. Charles.

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Provide feedback on proposed ordinance language and direction moving forward for City Council’s consideration.

City of St. Charles
Ordinance No. 2016-M-

**An 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 Prohibited.”**

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 Mayor and the City Council of the City of St. Charles has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to prohibit beekeeping for any purpose in the City of St. Charles; and,

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 Prohibited” to read as follows:

“Section 6.12.085 – Beekeeping Prohibited.

- A) Beekeeping is prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of St. Charles unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance.
- B) Nothing contained herein shall prohibit beekeeping in any community bee garden or other community beekeeping programs established by any other Municipality or other unit of government owning or operating property within the corporate limits of the City of St. Charles.
- C) Existing beehives and beekeeping within the City limits shall be removed and discontinued within one (1) year from the effective date of this Ordinance.

D) Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined in accordance with Section 6.08.100 "Violation Penalty." Each day any violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION THREE: That all ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance shall be in full and effect ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties,
Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2016.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties,
Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties,
Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: _____
Nays: _____
Absent: _____
Abstain: _____