

ORDINANCE NO 989

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONACA, BEAVER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 245 ZONING, ARTICLE VIII, SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, SECTION 245-43 YARD REQUIREMENTS BY ADDING SUBSECTION C, BEEKEEPING

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Monaca, and it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED as follows:

I. That Chapter 245 Zoning, Article VIII Supplementary Regulations, Section 245-43 Yard Requirements be amended by adding the following subsection:

C. **Beekeeping:**

It shall be lawful to maintain an apiary (which is defined as a place where bees are kept or alternatively, a collection of beehives), as an accessory use in any residential district, subject to the standards in this subsection.

(1) **Number.** The number of hives (defined as any structure in which bees are kept), authorized shall comply with the following:

- (a) For the first 2,000 square feet of any residential parcel, up to two (2) hives.
- (b) For each additional 2,000 square feet of any residential parcel two (2) additional hives up to a maximum of six (6).

(2) **Hive registration:** Best management practices.

- (a) All beekeepers owning or maintaining an apiary in the Borough shall register all bee apiaries with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as required by the Pennsylvania Bee Law, Title 3 PA Consolidated Statutes Ann. § 2102, as amended.
- (b) All beekeepers owning or maintaining an apiary in the Borough, shall also register all apiaries with the Borough Zoning Officer.
- (c) All beekeepers owning or maintaining an apiary in the Borough shall practice those best management practices as set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to maintain or be the owner of an apiary located in the Borough without first completing the best management practices form from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. A signed best management practices form must be filed with the registration with the Borough. In addition, a certificate of completion from an introductory Beekeeping 101 course (or equivalent) must be provided with the registration.
- (e) All beekeepers owning or maintaining an apiary in the Borough shall promptly notify the Borough Zoning Officer without unnecessary delay and in no event longer than 48 hours, if the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture revokes the beekeepers apiary license.

(f) A hive that is not occupied for a period of one year, must be removed.

(3) **Location/Size of Hive(s):**

- (a) Hive(s) shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any side or rear lot line and must be closer to the principal structure than to any side or rear lot line.
- (b) Hive(s) shall not be located in a front yard.
- (c) No hive shall exceed twenty (20) cubic feet in volume.

(4) **Water.** All beekeepers in the Borough shall ensure that a convenient source of fresh water is available to the bees from March 1 to November 1 so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, pet watering bowels, bird baths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic contact.

(5) **Flyway Barrier:**

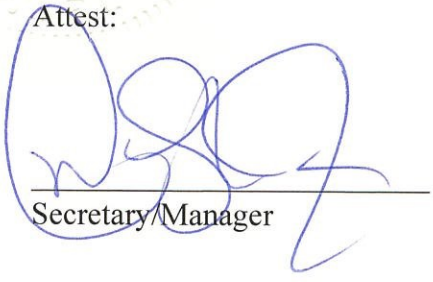
- (a) A flyway barrier shall shield any part of a property line that is within fifty (50) feet of a hive.
- (b) A flyway barrier, at least six (6) feet in height, but no more than ten (10) feet in height, shall be placed along the side of the hive(s) that contains the entrance to the hive(s), shall be located within five (5) feet of the hive(s) and shall extend at least two (2) feet on either side of the hive(s).
- (c) A flyway barrier shall consist of a solid panel, dense vegetation, or some combination thereof.
- (d) No hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from a public sidewalk.

II. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage hereof.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 28th day of November, 2023.



Attest:



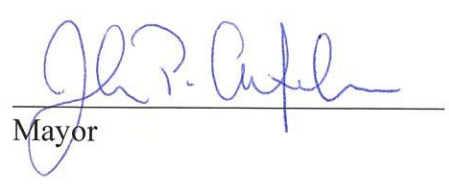
 Secretary/Manager

Borough of Monaca



 President

Approved this 28th day of November 2023



 Mayor