

## Our Purpose

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This guide is intended to inform residents of Redding about the new local standards of noncommercial beekeeping. We understand beekeeping is important for the sustainability of our local environment and ecology, and the regulation thereof is dedicated to keeping our neighborhoods and residents safe. These regulations help:

- To maintain ample space and barriers between beehives and residences
- To ensure an effectively structured hive for bees to inhabit and work in
- To care for the bee colonies present on the property
- To protect the local environment and ecology

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## Beekeeping 101

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## *For the Purposes of Noncommercial Beekeeping:*

- Any person keeping bees must obtain zoning clearance from the Development Services Director and provide an affidavit certifying the following requirements will be met:
  1. Up to three colonies of bees may be kept on lots of at least 6,000 square feet developed with a single-family dwelling.
  2. Hives must be built with a combination of brood chambers and supers which do not exceed six feet in height above ground level, including any stand or rack the hive is placed on.
  3. Hives must be registered with the Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner's Office pursuant to California Food and Agricultural Code 29040.
  4. Flight dispersion barriers (e.g. solid fences, walls, and/or hedges) must be at least six feet in height and be maintained in a good state of repair to the satisfaction of the Development Services Director.
  5. An appropriately sized water source for the exclusive use of the colonies shall be maintained on the same property where the colonies are kept. In the event there is a natural or artificial water source on an abutting residential property, the colonies must be positioned nearer to the on-site water sources than the off-site water source.
  6. Applicants shall provide a site plan or other information determined necessary by the Development Services Director to determine compliance with this section.
  7. No person shall willingly and knowingly keep Africanized bees.

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