

City of Appleton – **Resolution #4-R-17**
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Referred to: The Board of Health

Whereas more than 2/3 of the 100 crop species that provide 90% of the world's food are pollinated by bees,

Whereas bee populations have been declining at alarming rates for years,

Whereas it has been shown that it is not only possible to keep bees in crowded suburban areas, but also on rooftops of businesses in large and small cities without problem,

Whereas rooftops are a good place for urban beekeeping being that bees tend to fly up when exiting a hive thereby lessening interaction with people on the streets below,

Whereas city governments across the United States are lifting their restrictions on keeping beehives on rooftops in commercial districts – with City Hall in Minneapolis, Minnesota having bee colonies on its rooftop as an example

Therefore be it resolved,

That the City of Appleton, with input from the public along with those in the community with experience in beekeeping and with the assistance of professional beekeepers, reconsider the restrictions and then with appropriate guidelines allow beekeeping in commercial districts.