

**Resolution #10-R-19**  
**Changing Beekeeping Permit Process**

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*Referred to: Board of Health*

WHEREAS the health of bees and the health of our community is interdependent, and beekeeping is a necessary part of restoring collapsing bee populations that we rely on; and

WHEREAS Appleton has recently attained Bee City USA status; and

WHEREAS Appleton residents have provided feedback over the years since residential beekeeping was approved indicating that our regulations are extreme compared to surrounding communities, there are obstacles to accessing beekeeping in Appleton, and there are no incentives to remain in Appleton rather than move to our surrounding communities if one wants to keep bees at their residence;

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the City of Appleton make the following changes to our beekeeping permit requirements:

1. Change the permit cycle to November - November to align with timeline of purchasing bees and setting up hives
2. Remove notification and neighbor veto
3. Bring permit fees into alignment with other Wisconsin communities
4. Replace the calculation for hives per acre with a set number of hives per lot
5. Remove excessive detail from flyaway barrier requirements
6. Allow keeping Top Bar hives in addition to Removable Frame hives and recommend hives face SE direction if possible