

## ORDINANCE 908

### CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW COUNTY OF RAMSEY STATE OF MINNESOTA

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 701 OF THE MOUNDS VIEW CITY CODE TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR THE KEEPING AND RAISING OF HONEY BEES IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

The City of Mounds View ordains:

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Mounds View hereby amends Title 700, Chapter 701, of the Mounds View Zoning Code by deleting the ~~stricken~~ language and adding the underlined text as follows:

701.06:       **RAISING/KEEPING DOMESTIC OR FARM ANIMALS:**

Subd. 1. Nuisance Declared: It is hereby declared to be unlawful and a public nuisance affecting the public peace, safety, and welfare for an owner or resident within the City to keep or raise any farm animal ~~unless the animal is currently being kept or raised on the date of the enactment of the ordinance~~, except as noted below.

- b. Residents on properties zoned R-1, Single Family Residential, may be permitted to keep and raise honeybees under the following conditions and restrictions:
- (1) Residents seeking approval to keep and raise honeybees shall submit an application, application fee and site plan. Applications shall be considered by the City Council which shall hold a public hearing on the matter.
  - (2) Applicants for a beekeeping license shall provide proof of applicable training or provide a waiver indicating how required experience has been obtained.
  - (3) Hives shall only be located in rear yards and be set back at least ten (10) feet from property lines and subject home, and at least twenty-five (25) feet from any public trail or walkway. No more than four (4) hives shall be permitted. Hive openings shall face in toward subject property's backyard.
  - (4) A clean water source shall be provided on the subject property.
  - (5) A beekeeper may receive temporary allowance for an additional hive in the event a swarm is collected and until a new home is found for the colony. In no event shall temporary allowance exceed six (6) months.

- (6) Equipment shall be maintained in good condition in accordance with accepted best management practices. Unused beekeeping equipment shall be properly disposed of or stored indoors.
- (7) Licenses are valid indefinitely so long as the hives are operated continuously. License may be revoked or denied by the City Council based on negligence or nuisance. In such event, the property owner shall be provided with an opportunity to be heard. Licenses shall expire upon lapse in use for a period exceeding two years or upon a transfer of property ownership.

**SECTION 2.** In accordance with Section 3.07 of the City Charter, City staff shall have the following summary printed in the official City newspaper in lieu of the complete ordinance:

On September 14, 2015, the City Council adopted Ordinance 908 that amends Chapter 701 of Mounds View Municipal Code to provide for limited and controlled raising and keeping of Honeybees on single family residential properties. Residents would be limited to no more than four hives. Hives would need to be located in rear yards only. A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection during regular business hours at Mounds View City Hall and is available on line at the City's web site located at [www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us](http://www.ci.mounds-view.mn.us).

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance takes effect 30 days after its publication in the official City newspaper.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:** August 24, 2015

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:** September 14, 2015

**PUBLICATION DATE:** September 25, 2015

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Joe Flaherty, Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Ericson, City Administrator

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