



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

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Bee Legal in Pasadena (BLiP)
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RE: Zoning Determination for Keeping of Bees

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to meet regarding beekeeping in the City of Pasadena. As a follow up to our meeting, additional research was conducted on the matter.

The City has not adopted an ordinance that is specific to private keeping of bees. The Zoning Administrator has determined that the private keeping of bees is considered an ancillary use to Single-Family Residential uses. In order to conduct beekeeping activities, the beekeepers must reside at the property and register the Apiary (beekeeping) with the County of Los Angeles Department of the Agricultural Commissioner.

Additionally, the hive and all beekeeping activities must abide by all Zoning Code setbacks applicable to accessory structures in the applicable zoning district. The standards for accessory uses and structures and be found in Section 17.50.250 – Residential Uses – Accessory Uses and Structures of the Zoning Code.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (626) 744-7124 or kparker@cityofpasadena.net. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on alternating Fridays.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Parker
Zoning Administrator

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