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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Regulating the Keeping)
of Bees on Residentially Zoned Lands)
Under Marion County Jurisdiction)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDAINS AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Marion County Residential Beekeeping Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations for the keeping of honey bees on certain residentially zoned properties under Marion County jurisdiction. This ordinance establishes standards and enforcement authority.

SECTION 3. Definitions

- (a) "Bees" means honey-producing insects of the genus *Apis* and includes the adults, eggs, larvae, pupae other immature stages thereof, together with such materials as are deposited into hives by their adults except honey and beeswax in rendered form, excluding African honey bees.
- (b) "Hive" means any receptacle or container made or prepared for use of bees, or box or similar container taken possession of by bees.

SECTION 4. Standards

The keeping of bees shall be allowed on properties zoned Single-Family Residential (RS) or Urban Development (UD) in Marion County subject to the following standards and limitations:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

SECTION 5. Prohibitions

- (a) No sale of honey or bees is allowed.

SECTION 6. Enforcement Responsibility and Authority

- (a) Upon receipt of a complaint, this ordinance shall be enforced pursuant to Marion County Code (“MCC”) Chapter 1.25.
- (b) Bees that are not kept as provided in Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be deemed a public nuisance under Marion County Code Chapters 1.25 and 8.10.

SECTION 7. Severability and Savings Clause

Should any section or portion of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, that declaration shall not affect the validity of any provision of this ordinance. All other sections or portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019

SIGNED and FINALIZED this _____ day of _____, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary