

Neighborhood Notice

Title 13 Bees & Livestock

Hello Neighbors,

The City of Portland’s Title 13 Bees & Livestock Code allows me to house bees on my property.

You are receiving this notice because I am required to mail or deliver this notice to “owners of the properties within 150 feet of the site outlining their intention to keep beehives on their property and how the provisions of this Title and any administrative rules for best practices will be met.” [13.30.010.D]

I intend to keep ___ hives in accordance to the rules and regulations in Title 13.

Applicant/resident name:

Address:

Phone number (required):

Operator, if not the resident:

Phone number (required):

This notice is provided as a courtesy, so neighbors are aware of this activity happening in their neighborhood. Please contact me with any questions.

Please see page 2 for General Regulations and Best Practice Guidelines.

General Regulations for Bees

13.30.010 Owner Responsibilities – bees

A. Requirements and best practice recommendations. All beekeepers must meet the provisions of this Title and any administrative rules for best practices determined applicable by the Director.

B. Nuisances complaints. Beekeepers are required to respond immediately to remediate nuisance complaints regarding their bees such as, but not limited to: hive placement, swarming, waste removal, watering practices, or hive entrance orientation.

13.30.020 Apiary Standards

A. Maximum Number of Hives. Up to four (4) hives may be kept on any lot. Up to six (6) hives may be kept on lots 10,000 square feet and greater.

During the months of April through August an additional three (3) hives may be kept to accommodate the formation of additional hives through the splitting of existing hives or collection of swarms. There is no maximum number of hives on lots that allow agricultural uses through Title 33: Zoning, or that have an approved conditional use.

The full language of Title 13 Bees & Livestock is available online at <https://www.portland.gov/code/13>.