

**APPLE VALLEY
ORDINANCE O-2025-16**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Apple Valley, in the State of Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “10.42 Beekeeping Regulations” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42 Beekeeping Regulations(*Added*)

SECTION 2: **ADOPTION** “10.42.010 Purpose” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42.010 Purpose(*Added*)

The purpose of this chapter to authorize beekeeping subject to certain requirement intended to avoid problems that may otherwise with beekeeping in populated areas.

SECTION 3: **ADOPTION** “10.42.020 Certain Conduct Unlawful” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42.020 Certain Conduct Unlawful(*Added*)

1. It shall be unlawful to maintain an apiary anywhere within the town except within the Agricultural (AG) zoning district.
2. It shall also be unlawful to maintain an apiary in violation of the requirements of this chapter.
3. Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this chapter, it shall also be unlawful for any person to maintain an apiary or to keep any colony on any property in a manner that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance

SECTION 4: **ADOPTION** “10.42.030 Hives Allowed On Certain Agricultural Lots” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

A D O P T I O N

10.42.030 Hives Allowed On Certain Agricultural Lots(*Added*)

1. An apiary consisting of not more than three (3) hives may be maintained on an agricultural lot of 20 acres or more.

2 An apiary consisting of not more than five (5) hives may be maintained on an agricultural lot of 40 acres or more.

3. A person shall not locate nor allow a hive on property owned or occupied by another person without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.

SECTION 5: **ADOPTION** “10.42.040 Beekeeper Registration” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

A D O P T I O N

10.42.040 Beekeeper Registration(*Added*)

Each beekeeper shall be registered with the Utah department of agriculture and food as provided in the Utah bee inspection act of the Utah code, as amended.

SECTION 6: **ADOPTION** “10.42.050 Beekeeping Best Management Practices” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

A D O P T I O N

10.42.050 Beekeeping Best Management Practices(*Added*)

1. Any person engaged in beekeeping within the town shall follow all of the requirements of this chapter.

2. To the greatest extent reasonably possible, and when not in direct conflict with any provision of this chapter, any person engaged in beekeeping within the town shall also abide by the "best management practices" for beekeeping in Washington County, Utah, as adopted and/or recommended by the Utah department of agriculture, Washington County, and/or the Southwest Utah public health department.

3. In the event of a conflict between any regulation set forth in this chapter and any honeybee management regulations adopted by Washington County or the Southwest Utah public health department, or the Utah department of agriculture, the most restrictive regulations shall apply.

SECTION 7: **ADOPTION** “10.42.060 Hives” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42.060 Hives(*Added*)

1. Honeybee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

2. Hives shall be placed at least five hundred feet (500') from any property line and six inches (6") above the ground, as measured from the ground to the lowest portion of the hive.

3. Hives shall be situated on a lot such that the general flight pattern of bees is in a direction that will deter and minimize bee contact with humans and domesticated animals.

4. Hives/colonies shall be conspicuously marked with the owner's name, address, telephone number and state registration number.

SECTION 8: **ADOPTION** “10.42.070 Water Source” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42.070 Water Source(*Added*)

Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the colony to minimize any nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring property.

SECTION 9: **ADOPTION** “10.42.080 Beekeeping Equipment” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42.080 Beekeeping Equipment(*Added*)

Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other beekeeping equipment is left upon the grounds of an apiary site. Upon removal from a hive, all such equipment shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee proof enclosure.

SECTION 10: **ADOPTION** “10.42.090 Queen Management” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42.090 Queen Management(*Added*)

All queens shall be marked and/or clipped. Each beekeeper shall have a bill of sale from a European honeybee queen producer for each queen and maintain record of requeening. This record shall be verified and signed by the Utah department of agriculture and food designated inspector at each required annual inspection.

SECTION 11: **ADOPTION** “10.42.100 Enforcement” of the Apple Valley Land Use is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

10.42.100 Enforcement(*Added*)

Pursuant to the Town’s Code Enforcement Ordinance 16.01.010, a first violation of this chapter that does not result in physical injury or property damage to another is classified as an infraction. Such a violation may result in fines and/or misdemeanor criminal charges in accordance with Apple Valley Civil Code Enforcement Ordinance 16.02.010.

SECTION 12: **REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13: **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE** Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 14: **EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from April 16, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE APPLE VALLEY COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor Michael Farrar	_____	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Kevin Sair	_____	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Annie Spendlove	_____	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Scott Taylor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Richard Palmer	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Jenna Vizcardo, Town Clerk, Apple Valley

Michael Farrar, Mayor, Apple Valley