

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2020-34 Passed December 3, 2020

ORDINANCE 2020-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 618, ANIMALS, OF THE NORTHWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CREATING CHAPTER 618.21 TITLED, BEEKEEPING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, "honey bees" are of benefit to mankind and Ohio by providing agriculture, fruit and garden pollination, and by furnishing honey and other products; and,

WHEREAS, gentle strains of honey bees can be maintained within populated areas in reasonable density without causing a nuisance if the bees are properly located and carefully managed; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 909 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), requires the registration of "Apiaries" with the Ohio Department of Agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 909 ORC, establishes regulations related to "Beekeeping" to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 909 ORC, provides for regulations and best practices to protect "honey bees;" and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Northwood City Council regarding this amendment on Thursday, December 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the council Chambers of the Northwood Municipal Building.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1: That CHAPTER 618, of the Northwood Codified Ordinances, Titled ANIMALS, shall be amended as follows:

618.21 BEEKEEPING

(a) For the purposes of this section, definitions as defined in Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 909.01, Apiary Definitions shall apply.

(b) No person, being the owner of or leasing of property, shall have apiaries and/or raise bees in the City, unless:

(1) The Beekeeper and/or apiaries are managed in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, including Chapter 909; and,

(2) The Beekeeper shall not opt out of the annual inspection by the County or State bee inspector as part of the Ohio Department of Agriculture; and,

(3) The Beekeeper shall be able to produce an inspection certificate annually to the City upon request.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect as an emergency measure or at least the earliest date allowed by law. The reason for the emergency is that the proper enforcement of the Northwood Planning & Zoning Code is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

Vote to suspend rules: For: — Against: —
Vote on emergency clause: For: — Against: —
Vote on final adoption: For: 7 Against: 0

Adopted this day of , 20 as an emergency measure.

Effective: January 3, 2021

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

APPROVED:
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Mayor