

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.29 ENTITLED "BEEKEEPING" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Service and Chief Building Official are recommending that Section 618.29 of the Parma Heights Codified Ordinances be amended; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to adopt the recommendation of the Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That Section 618.29 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby amended and shall henceforth read as shown by edits set forth in Exhibit "A", as amended, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date provided for by law.

PASSED: April 8, 2024

Thomas Rounds  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara Allen  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

April 8, 2024  
APPROVED

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: April 8, 2024

Marie Gallo  
MAYOR MARIE GALLO

## **EXHIBIT A, as amended**

### 618.29 BEEKEEPING.

(a) The keeping or harboring of bees, including but not limited to honey bees and bumble bees, shall be limited to a maximum of two hives on a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet, and no more than four hives on a one-half acre lot, in a residential zone only. For purposes of this division only, "lot size" shall include sidewalk areas, tree lawns or any other areas behind the street curb-line within the public right-of-way which fronts upon the property which shall harbor the bees.

(b) A beehive must be kept a minimum of ~~ten~~ five feet from property lines, and the bees' flight pattern must be directed away from a neighbor's entrances and lines of traffic.

(c) A water source must be provided on the premises, placed a minimum of ~~ten~~ five feet from the property line.

(d) Neglected bees, as determined by the County Inspector, are prohibited.

(e) The failure to remove, or authorize the removal of, any natural or man-made hive or nest, or other living quarters for bees, (including but not limited to honey bees and bumble bees), wasps, yellow jackets and hornets, within three days after notice is served by the Director of Public Safety, the Director's designee, or an Animal Control Officer Building Commissioner upon the owner/guardian and/or occupant, shall be prima facie evidence that bees (including but not limited to honey bees and bumble bees), wasps, yellow jackets and hornets, are being kept or harbored on the premises by such owner/guardian and/or occupant.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

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