

**A G E N D A**  
**JAMES CITY COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Building A Large Conference Room**  
**101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185**  
**September 9, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the July 15, 2021 Meeting

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. ORD-20-0015. Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Address the Keeping of Bees in Non-Residential Districts, Phase III

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**ITEM SUMMARY**

DATE: 9/9/2021  
TO: The Policy Committee  
FROM: Paul D. Holt, III, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Minutes of the July 15, 2021 Meeting

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

|   | Description                          | Type    |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------|
| ☐ | Minutes of the July 15, 2021 Meeting | Minutes |

**REVIEWERS:**

| Department             | Reviewer          | Action   | Date                |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Policy                 | Cook, Ellen       | Approved | 9/2/2021 - 10:50 AM |
| Policy                 | Holt, Paul        | Approved | 9/2/2021 - 12:15 PM |
| Publication Management | Daniel, Martha    | Approved | 9/2/2021 - 12:17 PM |
| Policy Secretary       | Secretary, Policy | Approved | 9/2/2021 - 1:49 PM  |

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Rich Krapf

Julia Leverenz

Tim O'Connor

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Mr. Jack Haldeman and Ms. Julia Leverenz abstained from the vote.

The motion passed 3-0-2.

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Mr. Polster asked if there was any additional discussion.

There was none.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Leverenz made a motion to Adjourn.

The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Polster adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:20 p.m.

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Mr. Frank Polster, Chair

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Mr. Paul Holt, Secretary

**ITEM SUMMARY**

**DATE:** 9/9/2021

**TO:** The Policy Committee

**FROM:** Terry Costello, Deputy Zoning Administrator/Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** ORD-20-0015. Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Address the Keeping of Bees in Non-Residential Districts, Phase III

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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| ☐ | Staff Memo  | Cover Memo |
| ☐ | Draft Ordinance   | Ordinance  |
| ☐ | Minutes from the October 15, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting                    | Minutes    |
| ☐ | Minutes from the July 15, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting                       | Minutes    |
| ☐ | Initiating Resolution from the September 8, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting | Resolution |

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| Publication Management | Daniel, Martha    | Approved | 9/2/2021 - 12:24 PM |
| Policy Secretary       | Secretary, Policy | Approved | 9/2/2021 - 1:49 PM  |

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 9, 2021

TO: The Policy Committee

FROM: Terry Costello, Deputy Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: Case No. ORD-20-0015. Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Address the Keeping of Bees in Non-Residential Districts, Phase III

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At its July 14, 2021 meeting, the Policy Committee continued to review and discuss amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to address the keeping of bees in non-residential districts. The Committee reviewed proposed performance standards, which were based on the current County regulations on residential beekeeping and the Committee's discussions at the October 15, 2020, Policy Committee meeting.

The Committee directed staff to draft an Ordinance that permits beekeeping in Residential Planned Community (R-4, Commercial Uses), Limited Business (LB), General Business (B-1), Limited Business/Industrial (M-1), General Industrial (M-2), Planned Unit Development (PUD-R, Commercial Uses), Planned Unit Development (PUD-C), Research and Technology (RT), Mixed Use (MU), and Economic Opportunity (EO) Zoning Districts. The Committee felt that there should be no restrictions as far as it being an accessory use or primary use. The Committee also discussed what it considered appropriate distances to property lines, public rights-of-way, and dwellings or structures. The Committee felt that the resulting list of standards were necessary to encourage the keeping of bees while minimizing any intrusions on neighboring properties.

Please note that since the last Committee discussion, the requirement of notification in the instance of multiple tenants was removed. After discussions with the County Attorney's Office, it was determined that enforceability of this standard would be difficult.

### **Recommendation**

Staff is seeking Policy Committee guidance on revisions to the proposed draft Ordinance or the Committee's approval to send the draft on to the Planning Commission for consideration.

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### Attachments:

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Memorandum and Materials of the October 15, 2020, Policy Committee Meeting: <https://jamescity.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1088&MinutesMeetingID=1077&doctype=Agenda>
3. Minutes of the October 15, 2020, Policy Committee Meeting
4. Memorandum and Materials of the July 15, 2021, Policy Committee Meeting: <https://jamescity.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1231&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agenda>
5. Minutes of the July 15, 2021, Policy Committee Meeting
6. Initiating Resolution from the September 8, 2020, Board of Supervisors Meeting

**Division I. In General**

**Sec. 24-47.1. Standards for beekeeping.**

- (a) Beekeeping on residentially zoned property shall comply with the following requirements:
  - (a1) Hives shall be at least ten feet away from public rights-of-way and the boundary lines of properties not owned or controlled by the person maintaining the hive.
  - (b2) Hives shall be at least 50 feet away from any dwelling or structure located on property not under the same ownership or control as that of the person maintaining the hive.
  - (c3) A barrier shall be required if a hive is located between ten and 30 feet from a public right-of-way or boundary line of a property not owned or controlled by the person maintaining the hive. The barrier shall consist of fencing, vegetation, or both, and must (i) be no less than six feet in height as measured from finished grade; (ii) be of sufficient density to establish bee flyways six feet or higher; (iii) be located between the hive and public right-of-way or property boundary line; and (iv) extend no less than ten feet in length on either side of the hive.
  - (d4) Hives shall be located within the rear yard of the lot and shall be orientated with the entrance facing internal to the property.
  - (e5) There shall be an on-site water source located within 50 feet of the hive, or less than half the distance to the nearest unnatural source of water, whichever is closest.
  - (f6) If the property on which the hive is located is less than one acre, the person maintaining the hive shall have no more than six colonies. If the property is one acre or more, the number of colonies shall not be limited.
- (b) *Beekeeping on non-residentially zoned property shall comply with the requirements of subsection (a) and the following:*
  - (1) *There shall be a permanent sign, not to exceed four square feet in size, on the property stating that bees are on the premises. The sign shall be attached to the building and shall not be illuminated.*
  - (3) *Hives located on rooftops shall:*
    - (a) *Be located only on flat roofs.*
    - (b) *Be at least six feet from the edge of the roof.*
    - (c) *Include a strapping system to ensure hives are secure.*

**Article V. Districts**

**Division 5. Residential Planned Community, R-4**

**Sec. 24-281. Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | <i>P</i>       |                          |



**Division 9. Limited Business District, LB**

**Sec. 24-268. Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | <i>P</i>       |                          |

**Division 10. General Business District, B-1**

**Sec. 24-390 Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | <i>P</i>       |                          |

**Division 11. Limited Business/Industrial District, M-1**

**Sec. 24-411. Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | <i>P</i>       |                          |

**Division 12. General Industrial District, M-2**

**Sec. 24-436. Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | <i>P</i>       |                          |

**Division 13. Research and Technology District, RT**

**Sec. 24-461. Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | P              |                          |

**Division 14. Residential Planned Community, PUD**

**Sec. 24-493(a). Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | P              |                          |

**Division 14. Residential Planned Community, PUD**

**Sec. 24-493(b). Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | P              |                          |

**Division 15. Mixed Use District, MU**

**Sec. 24-518. Use list.**

| Use Category    | Use List   | Permitted Uses | Specially Permitted Uses |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | P              |                          |

**Division 17. Economic Opportunity District**

**Sec. 24-536.4. Use list.**

| Use Category       | Use List   | Permitted<br>Uses | Specially<br>Permitted Uses |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Commercial<br>Uses | <i>Beekeeping in accordance with section 24-47.1</i> | <i>P</i>          |                             |

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. This meeting will be held electronically pursuant to the Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 14, 2020 and readopted on September 8, 2020. The meeting will be accessible through a Zoom audio meeting. Please go to <https://zoom.us/j/96275677596> or call 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID 962 7567 7596. Citizen comments may be submitted via US Mail to the Planning Commission Secretary, PO Box 8784, Williamsburg, VA 23187, via electronic mail to [community.development@jamescitycountyva.gov](mailto:community.development@jamescitycountyva.gov), or by leaving a message at 757-253-6750. Comments must be submitted no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Please provide your name and address for the public record.

Mr. Frank Polster called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Virtual Meeting Resolution

Mr. Polster presented the resolution.

Mr. Rich Krapf made a motion to Adopt the virtual meeting resolution.

The motion passed 4-0.

Present:

Frank Polster, Chair

Rich Krapf

Tim O'Connor

Rob Rose

Staff:

Ellen Cook, Principal Planner

Alex Baruch, Acting Principal Planner

Terry Costello, Deputy Zoning Administrator

John Risinger, Planner

**C. MINUTES**

1. May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Rich Krapf made a motion to Approve the May 14, 2020, meeting minutes.

The motion passed 4-0.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## E. NEW BUSINESS

1. ORD-20-0015. Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Address the Keeping of Bees in Non-Residential Districts, Phase I

Ms. Terry Costello stated that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopted an Initiating Resolution at its October 8, 2019, meeting to address beekeeping in Residential and Agricultural Zoning Districts. She stated that the BOS approved the keeping of bees in residential districts and also adopted an Initiating Resolution directing staff to review the keeping of bees in non-residential Zoning Districts. She stated that staff researched regulations from the localities that had previously been researched for residential beekeeping. She stated that most localities that permit beekeeping in residential districts do not permit beekeeping in non-residential districts. She stated that the two localities that permitted non-residential beekeeping did not have separate standards compared to residential beekeeping. She stated that the best practices published by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) do not differentiate between residential and non-residential uses. She stated that if the Policy Committee agreed with allowing beekeeping in non-residential Zoning Districts, staff has identified three possible options. She stated that Option 1 was the Policy Committee could decide that performance standards would not be needed for non-residential beekeeping. She stated that Option 2 was the Policy Committee could decide that the performance standards adopted for residential beekeeping would also apply to non-residential beekeeping. She stated that Option 3 was the Policy Committee could decide that separate performance standards are warranted for non-residential beekeeping. She asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Krapf asked if the reason other localities did not allow non-residential beekeeping was due to a lack of interest or a different reason.

Ms. Costello stated that she was not aware of why other localities permitted residential but not non-residential beekeeping.

Mr. Krapf stated that it was not critical information for him to be able to make a decision.

Mr. Rob Rose asked if potential performance standards developed in Option 3 would be significantly different from the performance standards for non-residential beekeeping.

Ms. Costello stated that there could be additional standards for the distance of beehives from doorways or pedestrian walkways.

Mr. Rose stated that he supports allowing beekeeping in non-residential districts. He stated that creating performance standards for non-residential beekeeping could reassure the public that the County is considering health and safety as a factor of the decision.

Mr. Krapf stated he supports allowing beekeeping in non-residential districts. He stated that the performance standards should be reviewed to determine if the standards for residential properties are appropriate for non-residential properties and if any need to be added.

Mr. Polster stated that he supports Option 3 to develop separate performance standards for non-residential districts.

Mr. Tim O'Connor stated that with the discussion in the meeting, he supports Option 3. He stated that non-residential properties with multiple tenants should be considered when developing the standards.

Mr. Krapf made a motion to recommend that staff proceed with the review following Option

3.

The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Polster asked if there were any further questions.

Ms. Costello asked if the Policy Committee had arrived at a consensus regarding if the performance standards should be more or less restrictive compared to the residential performance standards.

Mr. Rose stated that it was not a matter of being more or less restrictive, but being more appropriate for the non-residential properties.

Mr. Alex Baruch asked if there were any specific elements of commercial developments that staff should look into. He stated that keeping beehives on roofs of commercial buildings had been mentioned previously.

Mr. Krapf asked if Mr. William Garvin, President of the Williamsburg Area Beekeepers, could be a good resource in developing the performance standards.

Ms. Costello stated that she would discuss the standards with Mr. Garvin.

Mr. Polster stated that standards may be more appropriate in certain parts of the County than others. He stated that he was interested in learning if any other businesses in the City of Williamsburg had considered keeping bees.

Ms. Costello stated that she talked to the owner of Silver Hand Meadery regarding keeping bees on roofs. She stated that keeping bees on roofs raises the flight path to be above pedestrians.

Mr. O'Connor asked if the applicant for beekeeping on commercial properties could be the tenant or if it would have to be the property owner. He stated that he would support the property owner being the applicant to reduce potential conflicts.

Ms. Costello stated that a permitting process would be needed to enforce the property owner being aware of proposed bee hives.

Mr. Baruch stated that staff would analyze if a site plan application would be required for placing bee hives on non-residential properties and would present that information to the Policy Committee at a future meeting.

Mr. Rose stated that the Policy Committee should consider requiring signage that informs pedestrians of the presence of bee hives.

Mr. Polster asked staff to prepare its analysis with considerations for different types of non-residential uses.

Mr. O'Connor stated that a potential performance standard for keeping bees on roofs would be requiring the hives to be secured to the roof.

Mr. Polster asked if staff had received enough guidance to move forward.

Ms. Costello confirmed.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Krapf made a motion to Adjourn.

The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Polster adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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Mr. Frank Polster, Chair

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The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Polster adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:20 p.m.

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Mr. Frank Polster, Chair

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Mr. Paul Holt, Secretary

**RESOLUTION**

**INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER**

**THE KEEPING OF BEES IN NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2286 and County Code § 24-13 permit the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia (the "Board") to, by resolution, initiate amendments to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance that the Board finds to be prudent; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance may be prudent to address the keeping of bees in non-residential zoning districts; and


WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice warrant the consideration of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, does hereby initiate amendment of Chapter 24, Zoning of the James City County Code in order to consider the keeping of bees in non-residential zoning districts, and directs staff to prepare such amendments for consideration by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the consideration of amendment of said Ordinance and shall forward its recommendation thereon to the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the law.



James O. Icenhour, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
Teresa Fellows  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

|           | VOTES                               |                          |                          |
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|           | <u>AYE</u>                          | <u>NAY</u>               | <u>ABSTAIN</u>           |
| SADLER    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MCGLENNON | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LARSON    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HIPPLE    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ICENHOUR  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 8th day of September, 2020.

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