From: Maged Nosshi
To: Amber Sherrill
Cc: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: Bee keeping in city limits_Inquiry
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:57:01 AM

Hi Amber,
Thank you very much for forwarding my case.
I hope they can help me resolve this soon because, according to the code compliance folks in planning and development who sent me the notice, I face up to $500 everyday I am in violation as well as the possibility of removing my hives. Out of concern for my immediate neighbors, of which there are 2 households, before getting bees I asked them first whether they might have any concerns. Everyone was excited about the idea and I was able to find a place on top of my garage to place 3 bee hives. In 2020 a couple bought the house next door and at first we were on cordial terms until I started painting the outside of my house. They managed to take issue with how long it took us to paint the house, and expressed concern about the value of their home depreciating as a result of our choice of colors. This escalated to harassment to the point where we filed a report with the police. Immediately after this exchange we lived abroad for the past year, only to come back to so many issues listed in a notice from city planning and development (code compliance), including the bees now being in violation.

To say the least, we have been very anxious and worried since we got back to Missoula last Sunday, and can not get a clear answer until now about whether or not our bee hives (3 in total) are in violation of city ordinance.

Maged Nosshi

On Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 4:17 PM Amber Sherrill <SherrillA@ci.missoula.mt.us> wrote:

> Hi Maged,
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> I have forwarded this to our city attorney to answer your question. I apologize but do not know the answer off the top of my head.
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> Thanks,
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> Amber Sherrill
> Missoula City Councilwoman
> Ward 4
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> **From:** Maged Nosshi <mnosshi@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:26 AM
> **To:** Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>
> **Subject:** Bee keeping in city limits_Inquiry
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> Hello,

I am a resident of Missoula and a property owner and recently received a warning from city planning and development regarding the presence of my bee hives. The letter warned that if not removed within **10 days** of receipt of this letter then I face fines and the hives will be exterminated and removed.

My hives are registered with the Montana Department of Agriculture Bee program, I am a member of the Big Sky Beekeepers and have kept bees for the past 8 years as a hobbyist.

Please advise on the legality of this letter and how I should proceed.
Thank you,
Maged Nosshi