

TABLE 3

BEEKEEPING ORDINANCES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

ORDINANCE

Santa Barbara County	Yes
Buellton	No
Carpinteria	No
Goleta	Yes
Guadalupe	Yes
Lompoc	Yes
Santa Barbara	Yes
Santa Maria	Yes
Solvang	Yes

TABLE 4

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BEEKEEPING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE V. BEEKEEPING

Sec. 7-27. Generally, construction of provisions. The unregulated and improper keeping of bees and apiaries in the county has become a nuisance and a hazard to the safety of landowners, road users and the public generally.

This article shall in all respects be construed to supplement and harmonize with the provisions of law of the state pertaining to bees and the beekeeping industry. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-28. Definitions. Any word or phrase hereinafter used in this article and not herein defined shall be given the meaning established for such word or phrase by the California Agricultural Code as it now is or may hereafter be amended. Whenever in this article the term "commissioner" is used, it shall mean the county agricultural commissioner and regularly appointed employees of the county department of agriculture acting pursuant to his instructions. Whenever in this article the term "fire chief" is used, it shall mean and include the county fire chief, the state forester, the district rangers and officers and foresters of the United States government or any of their deputies and employees, and the chief engineer or fire chief or chief executive officer of any fire district, or any of their deputies and employees. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-29. Identification of apiary. Every person owning an apiary located on premises other than where he resides shall identify such apiary as is now provided or hereafter may be provided by the laws of the state. (Ord. No. 2580 § 6)

Sec. 7-30. Right of commissioner and fire chief to enter premises; interference with commissioner of fire chief. The commissioner and fire chief are hereby empowered to enter upon any premises where bees are kept, or upon which they have reason to believe that bees are kept, in order to carry into effect the provisions of this article, respectively enforceable by each.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the official actions of the commissioner or fire chief. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-31. Restrictions on location of apiary. No person shall place or keep an apiary, or cause to allow an apiary to remain so close to a public or private road used by the public as to constitute a nuisance or hazard to persons using such road. Except when pollinating crops, no apiary shall be located within three hundred feet of a property line.

No person shall place or keep an apiary, or cause or allow an apiary, to remain closer than six hundred feet to any building used as a dwelling other than buildings owned by such person, without the permission of the occupant of such building. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-32. Permission of landowner or tenant required for placement of apiary. No person shall place or keep an apiary, or cause or allow an apiary to remain on land not owned or possessed by such person without first obtaining the written permission of the owner or person lawfully in possession of such land. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-33. Transportation of bees. Except in case of an emergency, hives of bees being transported on public roads or highways at a time when the bees are flying shall have the bees substantially confined by screens or other means to the vehicle by which the bees are being transported. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-34. Apiary water supply. Every apiary shall be provided with water by the apiary owner at the time that the set is made, and such water shall be maintained by the apiary owner so long as the apiary stays on such property, unless the landowner gives written permission for the apiary to use water situated on the land where the apiary is located. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-35. Fire prevention. Any person owning, leasing, controlling, operating or maintaining any apiary in, upon or adjoining any hazardous fire area, and any person owning, leasing or controlling any land adjacent to such apiary shall at all times:

(a) Maintain around and adjacent to such apiary an effective firebreak made by removing and clearing away, for a distance there from of not less than thirty feet on each side thereof, all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth. This article shall not apply to single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery or similar plants used as ground covers; provided, that they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any structure.

(b) Maintain around and adjacent to any such apiary additional fire protection or firebreak made by removing all brush, flammable vegetation, or combustible growth located from thirty feet to one hundred feet from such apiary as may be required by the fire chief when he finds that because of extra hazardous conditions a firebreak of only thirty feet around such apiaries is not sufficient to provide reasonable fire safety. Grass and other vegetation located more than thirty feet from such apiary and less than eighteen inches in height above the ground may be maintained where necessary to stabilize the soil and prevent erosion.

No person shall use any lighted or smoldering material in connection with smoking bees except by the authority of a written permit from the fire chief. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

Sec. 7-36. Notice of violation of article. Any person who violates any provisions of this article may be served with a written notice to cease or remedy such violation by the commissioner. Any person who violates the fire provisions of this article may be served with a written notice to cease or remedy such violation by the fire chief. Such notice shall require that such person cease or remedy the violation within forty-eight hours. Any person who fails to cease or remedy the violation within such forty-eight hour period is guilty of a misdemeanor. The notices required by this section shall be served personally on such person or, if he cannot be readily found, shall be served by mail, return receipt requested; or, if he cannot be served by mail, then service shall be accomplished by posting a notice in a conspicuous place on or near the apiary where the violation occurred. The forty-eight hour period for which such notices provide shall commence to run from the time on the day a notice is served pursuant to this section. (Ord. No. 2580, § 6)

City of Goleta

Same as County of Santa Barbara

City of Guadalupe

Apiary Regulations

6.08.020 Beekeeping restrictions. It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain, or cause or permit to be kept or maintained, any bees within the city; provided however, that nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to prohibit the keeping of bees in a hive or box located and kept within a school building or similar educational research institution for the purpose of study, observation or other scientific purposes.

City of Lompoc

Apiary Regulations

Section 0610. Keeping of Bees

No person shall keep any hive of bees within 600 feet of any residence (not including the residence of the beekeeper), hospital, school, church, office building, store, hotel, apartment house, or any other place of habitation. This Section shall not apply to the keeping of bees within an educational institution for study or observation, or within a physician's office or laboratory for medical research, treatment, or other scientific purposes, provided they are not permitted to fly at large. (Ord. No. 1006(77), adopted 2/15/77)

City of Santa Barbara

Apiary Regulations

6.28.010 Beekeeping.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep bees within the City of Santa Barbara except in a manner in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 3769, 1975; Ord. 3642, 1974.)

6.28.020 Conditions for Beekeeping.

Each person, firm, company, corporation or other organization maintaining one or more colonies of honey bees, *Apis mellifera*, in the City of Santa Barbara shall comply with the following conditions:

- (a) Each colony shall be maintained in movable-frame hives;
- (b) Adequate space shall be maintained in the hive to prevent over-crowding and swarming or aggressive behavior;
- (c) Each colony shall be registered with the County Agricultural Commissioner. (Ord. 3769, 1975; Ord. 3642, 1974.)

6.28.030 Number and Location of Hives.

- (a) No more than four hives shall be maintained on lots having less than 10,000 square feet of area. On lots larger than 10,000 square feet, no more than one hive shall be maintained for each 5,000 square feet of additional lot area.
- (b) Hives shall not be placed in the following locations:
 - (1) Within twenty lineal feet of any public street, sidewalk, or other public thoroughfare
 - (2) On any structure higher than six feet located within the required set back area of the lot, as provided in the Zoning Ordinance. (Ord. 3769, 1975; Ord. 3642, 1974.)

6.28.040 Compliance with State Law.

Each person, firm, company, corporation or other organization maintaining one or more colonies of honey bees, Apis mellifera, in the City of Santa Barbara shall comply with all State regulations governing bee management and honey production as provided in Division 13 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California. Violations of those regulations shall be enforced by the County Agricultural Commissioner. (Ord. 3769, 1975; Ord. 3642, 1974.)

City of Santa Maria

Apiary Regulations

Sec. 5.3.704 Compliance with state provisions

(a) Each person maintaining one or more colonies of bees in the city shall comply with all state regulations governing bee management and honey production, as provided in Division 13 of the Agriculture Code of the state, and any and all regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(b) Violation of the agriculture code or regulations shall be enforced by the county agricultural commission.

(c) Violations of this article not involving the Agriculture Code or regulations shall be enforced by the director of community development.

City of Solvang

Apiary Regulations

14.04.030 4. Small animals (e.g., chickens, birds, ducks, rabbits, bees, etc.) shall be permitted provided that:

a. Such small animals are for the domestic use of the residents of the lot only and are not kept for commercial purposes.

b. the keeping of such small animals is not injurious to the health, safety, or welfare of the neighborhood and does not create offensive noise or odor as determined by the Planning Director.

c. Enclosures for such small animals shall be no closer than 25 feet to any dwelling.
(Adopted by Ord. No. 90-112; eff. August 22, 1990).