

## Prince William County Zoning Regulations for Honey Bees

*NOTE that Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park have separate Regulations*

### **Prince William County Regulations for HoneyBees**

Sec. 32-300.02. Accessory uses. 10.

The keeping of **honeybees** in four beehives or less shall be permitted as an accessory use to a residential principal use on any lot. On any lot of 10,000 square feet in size or larger, more than four beehives may be kept, provided there is an additional lot area of 2,500 square feet for each hive. In all instances, there shall be one adequate and accessible water source provided on site and located within 50 feet of the beehive(s). In addition, if the landing platform of a hive faces and is within ten feet of any lot line, there shall be a flight path barrier, consisting of a fence, structure or plantings not less than six feet in height, located in front of the hive.

### **City of Manassas Regulations for HoneyBees**

From Municode at <https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10932>

Sec. 18-7. a) Beekeeping in residential districts No person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge of any premises within a residential district, as established by [chapter 130](#), shall maintain an apiary or keep any **bees** or hive of **bees** thereon, unless the location of such **bees** or hive of **bees** shall be more than 20 feet from the closest adjoining property line, building, street, road or way or property line of any public park or any public outdoor recreational area, and no less than 50 feet from the nearest dwelling or other place of habitation, other than that of the owner or keeper of such **bees** or hive of **bees**.

(b) A violation of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. (Code 1978, § 5-10)

**State law reference**— Beekeeping, Code of Virginia, § 3.1-610.1 et seq.

**Manassas Park**- From muni code: <https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=11198>

Sec. 5-10. **Bee** keeping.

(a) No person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge of any premise within the residential area of the city as established by the zoning ordinance shall maintain an apiary or keep any **bees** or hive of **bees** thereon.

(b) A fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall punish any person convicted of a violation of this section. Each day any violation of this section shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 00-1700-620, § 1, 3-7-00)

**State law reference**— State code for definition, § 3.1-610.1