

**TOWN OF HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY
URBAN BEE REGULATIONS, 2021
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 414 of the Municipalities Act, 1999, SNL 1999, c. M-24 as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay enacts the following Urban Bee Regulations.

1. TITLE

These Regulations may be cited as the "Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Urban Bee Regulations, 2021".

2. PURPOSE

These Regulations are enacted to provide conditions with respect to the husbandry of bees in the urban area in the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

3. INTERPRETATION

In these Regulations,

"Act" shall mean the Municipalities Act, 1999, SNL 1999, c. M-24, as amended.

"Bee" shall mean the honey bee.

"Beehive" shall mean a structure in which Bees are kept, typically in the form of a box specifically built for that purpose.

"Regulations" shall mean these Urban Bee Regulations.

"Town" shall mean the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as incorporated under the Act.

"Urban Beekeeping" shall mean a hobby, where honey bees are kept for the purpose of honey production and/or beeswax production for domestic purposes.

4. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

4.1. No Beehive shall be placed on a residential property without first obtaining a permit from the Town. The application must include a site drawing of hive location and indicate distances to sideyards, adjoining properties, location and height of fences and any other information pertinent to responsible beekeeping.

4.2. Beehives shall only be permitted in Residential Low Density and Residential Medium Density, Cottage and Rural Residential zones in the Urban area of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. These Regulations do not apply to the Agriculture and Resource (Rural) zones outside the urban area of the Town.

4.3 Beehives on a residential lot shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. Hives must be located in the rear of the property;
- b. Property must be a single-family dwelling or, in the case of duplexes or apartments, each home owner must have private yard space;
- c. A fence around the beehive must be present at a height of at least 1.85 meters and a minimum of 2 meters away from each side of the hive;
- d. Site must have sufficient water source to sustain good bee health;
- e. Site must have signage visible to identify that a bee hive is present on property;
- f. The number of hives allowed on each property is dependant on the property size and location and will be approved at the discretion of Council;
- g. Hives must be located at least 3 meters away from property lines;
- h. Hives must have frames that are easily removed for visual inspection;
- i. Hives must be maintained in such a condition which prevents undue swarming and aggressive behaviour;
- j. A warning sign must be placed upon entry to the property;
- k. The entrance of the beehive shall be aimed away from neighbouring buildings;
- l. Fencing, hedging, or other suitable barrier must at least 1.85 m in height and be established to direct bees from neighbouring dwellings; and
- m. The individual proposing to install and maintain the Beehive shall submit written confirmation that the individual is trained in the keeping of bees or will be mentored by an existing beekeeper who has more than two (2) years' experience caring for bees in Newfoundland and Labrador.

5. CONTRAVENTION OF REGULATIONS

Any person who neglects or fails to comply with or acts in contravention of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offense and shall be liable on Summary conviction to a penalty as provided for in Section 420 of the Act.

6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LEGISLATION

Nothing in these Regulations serves to exempt any person from obtaining any license, permission, permit, authority or approval required by any other Regulation of the Town or any Statute or Regulation of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Where there is a conflict between a provision of this Regulation and a provision of another Regulation of the Town, the more restrictive provision shall prevail. Where there is a conflict between these Regulations and a provincial statute or regulation, the provincial law shall prevail.

EFFECTIVE DATE

These Regulations have been adopted and came into effect on 27 day of April, 2021 through resolution of Council # 7.a.vi.

In witness whereof the Seal of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay has been affixed hereto and these Regulations have been signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk on behalf of Council on the 30 day of April, 2021.

Leahy Andrew
Mayor

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Town Clerk