

THE CITY OF TRAIL

BYLAW NO. 2815

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF BEES

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 8(3)(k) of the *Community Charter*, a Council may, by bylaw, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to animals; and

WHEREAS Council of the City of Trail deems it expedient to regulate the keeping of bees in the City of Trail;

NOW THEREFORE, Council in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**:

1. That this Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the City of Trail “**Beekeeping Bylaw No. 2815, 2016**”.

2. **Interpretation:**

In this Bylaw:

“**Bee**” means the insect *Apis mellifera*;

“**Beehive**” means a box or receptacle with movable frames, used for housing a colony of bees;

“**Beekeeper**” means a person registered to engage in beekeeping under the *Animal Health Act* and who owns or controls bees or beehive or beekeeping equipment;

“**Colony**” means a queen, brood and accompanying adult bees.

3. **Responsibilities of a Beekeeper:**

3.1 Beekeepers must comply with the *Animal Health Act* or other applicable standards established by the Province of BC.

3.2. Beekeepers have the duty to:

- a. adhere to good management practices and maintain beehives in a condition that will reasonably promote bee health, and prevent swarming and aggressive behavior.
- b. provide an adequate water supply to prevent the bees from seeking alternate sources.

4. **General Regulations:**

4.1 No person shall keep or harbor bees on any parcel of land unless the parcel of land is located in the R1, R2, R3 or A1 Zone area.

4.2 Any beehive must be located in the rear yard of the property.

4.3 Any beehive must be sited so as to allow a clear flight path of at least 7.5 metres straight ahead from the front of the beehive to any property line and 3.0 metres from the side and rear of the beehive to any property line, except where the beehive is:

- a. sited behind a solid fence that is 1.8 metres in height running parallel to any property line and extending at least 6.0 metres beyond the front of the beehive in both directions, in which case the 7.5 metre setback may be reduced to 3.0 metres and the 3.0 metre setback may be reduced to 1.0 metre; or
- b. elevated such that the underside of the beehive is raised a minimum of 2.5 metres above ground level, in which case the 7.5 metre setback may be reduced to 3.0 metres.

4.4 The maximum number of beehives/colonies permitted is as follows:

- a. Two (2) beehives on any parcel of land that is 929 m² or less in area.
- b. Four (4) beehives on any parcel of land that is greater than 929 m² in area.

5. **Offence and Penalties:**

5.1 Any person who violates a provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine and penalty of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$5,000.00 upon summary conviction.

5.2 Each day that a violation continues to exist is a separate offence against this Bylaw.

READ the **FIRST, SECOND** and **THIRD** time the 11th day of October, 2016.

ADOPTED the 24th day of October, 2016.



MAYOR



CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

Certified a true copy
of Bylaw No. 2815, 2016.

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR