

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE: ZTA 2018-04 Beekeeping	AGENDA DATE: October 3, 2018
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: This amendment would allow beekeeping on residentially zoned property subject to performance standards. This amendment does not impact beekeeping in the Rural Areas zoning district.	STAFF CONTACT(S): Kamptner, Fritz PRESENTER (S):

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing for ZTA 2018-04 on September 5, 2018. The Board requested that the draft ordinance be revised to include provisions for notice to abutting property owners and the removal of unused equipment. Staff has revised the draft ordinance to include the following language:

- The beekeeper shall provide written or verbal notice that they intend to keep bees to the owner of each abutting lot under different ownership than the lot on which beehives will be located. The notice shall identify the lot on which the beehives will be located. The notice shall be mailed or delivered at least 10 days prior to the establishment of beehives on the lot.
- Unused equipment shall be stored in sealed containers, or placed within a building or other insect-proof container.

DISCUSSION:

The attached revised ordinance (Attachment A) includes the option of verbal notice in an effort to encourage communication between the beekeeper and neighbors.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached proposed ordinance (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Proposed Ordinance