

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-18(2)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ZONING, ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE II, BASIC REGULATIONS, AND ARTICLE III, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Chapter 18, Zoning, Article I, General Provisions, Article II, Basic Regulations, and Article III, District Regulations, are hereby amended and reordained as follows:

**By Amending:**

Sec. 3.1 Definitions.  
Sec. 12.2 Permitted uses.  
Sec. 13.2 Permitted uses.  
Sec. 14.2 Permitted uses.  
Sec. 15.2 Permitted uses.  
Sec. 16.2 Permitted uses.

**By Adding:**

Sec. 5.1.63 Residential beekeeping

**Chapter 18. Zoning**

**Article I. General Provisions**

**Section 3. Definitions**

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**3.1 DEFINITIONS**

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Urban beekeeping: Beekeeping on any residentially-zoned lot. Beekeeping in the Rural Areas District, RA, and the Monticello Historic District, MHD, shall not be considered urban beekeeping.

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**Article II. Basic Regulations**

**Section 5. Supplementary Regulations**

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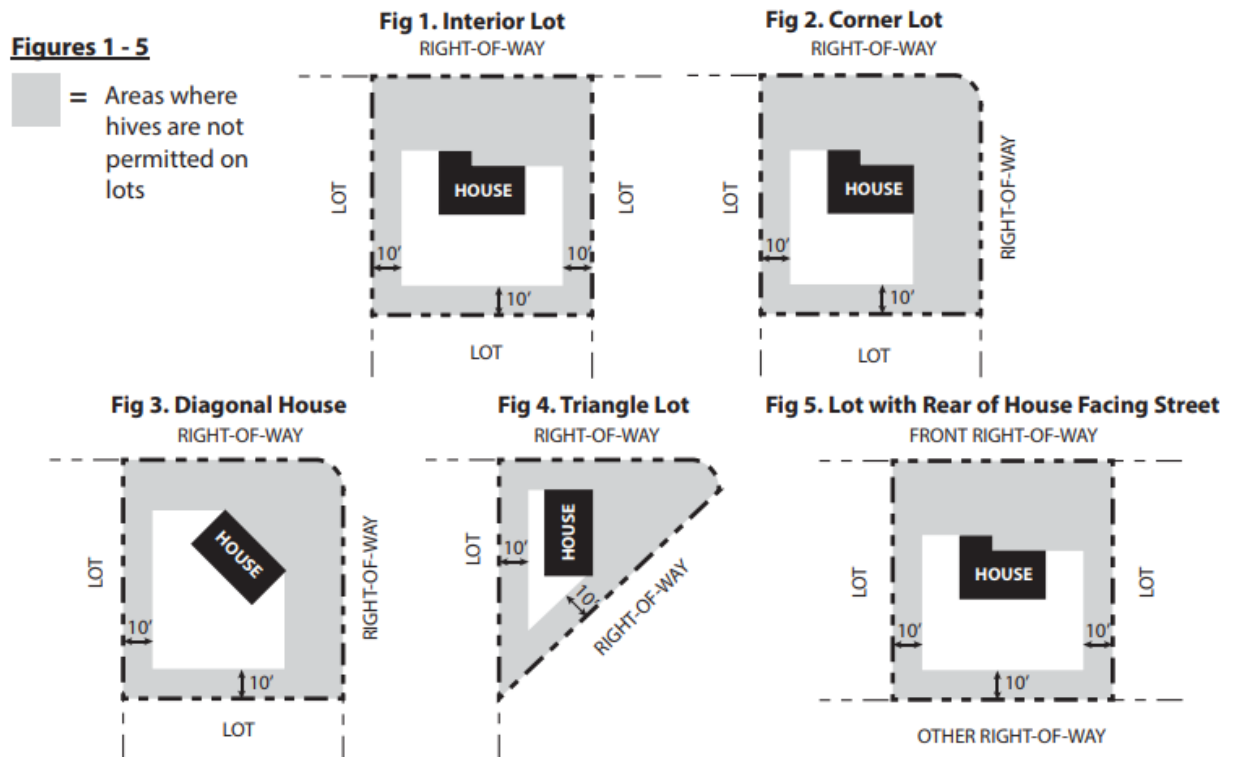
**5.1.63 URBAN BEEKEEPING**

Urban beekeeping shall be subject to the following:

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, place, or allow a beehive to remain:
  1. Closer than 10 feet to a public right-of-way or to the lot line of an adjoining lot not owned by the person maintaining the beehive; or
  2. Closer than 30 feet to any structure other than the structure of the person maintaining the beehive.

- b. All beehives shall be oriented with the entrance facing away from the adjacent lot or public right-of-way.
- c. The beehive and all related materials may only be located within the rear yard of the lot as shown in figure 1.

Figure 1



- d. If a beehive is located less than 10 feet above ground level and within 30 feet of any lot line adjoining a residential lot or public right-of-way, a barrier of sufficient density to establish bee flyways above head height must separate the beehive from the lot line or public right-of-way. The barrier may be constructed of fencing or evergreen vegetation or a combination of the two. The barrier must be no less than six feet in height and extend no less than ten feet in length on either side of the beehive.
- e. If a beehive is located at least 10 feet above ground level, the beehive shall be located a minimum of five feet from the side of the structure and 30 feet from any structure other than a structure of the person maintaining the beehive.
- f. The beekeeper shall conspicuously post a sign warning individuals of the presence of bees. This sign shall include the lot owner's name and a telephone number at which the beekeeper can be reached in case of emergency.
- g. 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.
- h. Each beekeeper shall ensure that no wax comb or other material that might encourage robbing by other bees are left on the grounds of the lot on which the beehive is located (the "apiary

lot”). Once removed from the site, the wax comb or other materials shall be handled and stored in sealed containers, or placed within a building or other insect-proof container.

- i. Each beekeeper shall maintain his beekeeping equipment in good condition, including keeping the beehives painted if they have been painted but are peeling or flaking, and securing unused equipment from weather, potential theft or vandalism, and occupancy by swarms. It shall not be a defense to this section that a beekeeper’s unused equipment attracted a swarm and that the beekeeper is not intentionally keeping bees. Unused equipment shall be stored in sealed containers, or placed within a building or other insect-proof container.
- j. No person may keep more than the following numbers of bee colonies on any lot, based upon the size or configuration of the apiary lot:
  - 1. One-half acre or smaller lot: two colonies;
  - 2. Larger than 1/2 acre and up to 3/4 acre lot: four colonies;
  - 3. Larger than 3/4 acre and up to 1 acre lot: six colonies;
  - 4. Larger than 1 acre and up to 5 acre lot: eight colonies;
  - 5. Larger than 5 acre lot: no restriction.
- k. If a beekeeper serves the community by removing a swarm or swarms of honey bees from locations where they are not desired, the beekeeper shall not be considered in violation of the portion of this section limiting the number of colonies if he temporarily houses the swarm on the apiary lot in compliance with the standards of practice set out in this section for no more than 30 days from the date acquired.

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### **Article III. District Regulations**

#### **Section 12. Village Residential**

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##### **Sec. 12.2 Permitted uses.**

##### **Sec. 12.2.1 By right.**

The following uses shall be permitted by right in the VR district, subject to the applicable requirements of this chapter:

- 1. Detached single-family dwellings.
- 2. Side-by-side duplexes provided that density is maintained and provided further that buildings are located so that each unit could be provided with a lot meeting all other requirements for detached single-family dwellings except for side yards at the common wall. Other two-family dwellings shall be permitted provided density is maintained.
- 3. Cluster development of permitted residential uses.
- 4. Rental of permitted residential uses and guest cottages, provided that yard, area and other requirements of this ordinance shall be met for each such use whether or not such use is on an individual lay-out.
- 5. (Repealed 9-2-81)

6. Electric, gas, oil and communication facilities, excluding tower structures and including poles, lines, transformers, pipes, meters and related facilities for distribution of local service and owned and operated by a public utility. Water distribution and sewerage collection lines, pumping stations and appurtenances owned and operated by the Albemarle County Service Authority. Except as otherwise expressly provided, central water supplies and central sewerage systems in conformance with Chapter 16 of the Code of Albemarle and all other applicable law. (Amended 5-12-93)
  7. Accessory uses and buildings including home occupation, Class A (reference 5.2) and storage buildings.
  8. Temporary construction uses (reference 5.1.18).
  9. Public uses and buildings including temporary or mobile facilities such as schools, offices, parks, playgrounds and roads funded, owned or operated by local, state or federal agencies (reference 31.2.5); public water and sewer transmission, main or trunk lines, treatment facilities, pumping stations and the like, owned and/or operated by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (reference 31.2.5; 5.1.12). (Amended 11-1-89)
  10. Tourist lodgings (reference 5.1.17).
  11. Wayside stands for the display and sale of seasonal agricultural products (reference 5.1.19).
  12. Group home (reference 5.1.07).
  13. Agriculture.
  14. Manufactured homes on individual lots (reference 5.6)
  15. Stormwater management facilities shown on an approved final site plan or subdivision plat.
  16. Tier I and Tier II personal wireless service facilities (reference 5.1.40).
  17. Farm sales (reference 5.1.47).
  18. Farm stands (reference 5.1.47).
  19. Family day homes (reference 5.1.56).
  20. Urban beekeeping (reference 5.1.63).
- (§ 20-12.2.1, 12-10-80; 9-2-81; 11-1-89; 11-11-92; § 18-12.2.1, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 02-18(6), 10-9-02; Ord. 04-18(2), 10-13-04; Ord. 10-18(4), 5-5-10; Ord. 13-18(5), 9-11-13; Ord. 17-18(4), 8-9-17; Ord. 18-18(1), 1-10-18)

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### **Section 13. Residential – R-1**

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## **13.2 PERMITTED USES**

### **13.2.1 BY RIGHT**

The following uses shall be permitted by right in the R-1 district, subject to the applicable requirements of this chapter:

1. Detached single-family dwellings.

2. Cluster development of permitted residential uses.
  3. Rental of permitted residential uses and guest cottages, provided that yard, area, and other requirements of this ordinance shall be met for each such use whether or not such use is on an individual lay-out.
  4. (Repealed 9-2-81)
  5. (Repealed 9-2-81)
  6. Electric, gas, oil and communication facilities, excluding tower structures and including poles, lines, transformers, pipes, meters and related facilities for distribution of local service and owned and operated by a public utility. Water distribution and sewerage collection lines, pumping stations and appurtenances owned and operated by the Albemarle County Service Authority. Except as otherwise expressly provided, central water supplies and central sewerage systems in conformance with Chapter 16 of the Code of Albemarle and all other applicable law. (Amended 5-12-93)
  7. Accessory uses and buildings including home occupation, Class A (reference 5.2) and storage buildings.
  8. Temporary construction uses (reference 5.1.18).
  9. Public uses and buildings including temporary or mobile facilities such as schools, offices, parks, playgrounds and roads funded, owned or operated by local, state or federal agencies (reference 31.2.5); public water and sewer transmission, main or trunk lines, treatment facilities, pumping stations and the like, owned and/or operated by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (reference 31.2.5; 5.1.12). (Amended 11-1-89)
  10. Tourist lodgings (reference 5.1.17).
  11. Group home (reference 5.1.07). (Amended 8-9-17)
  12. Stormwater management facilities shown on an approved final site plan or subdivision plat. (Added 10-9-02)
  13. Tier I and Tier II personal wireless service facilities (reference 5.1.40). (Added 10-13-04)
  14. Family day homes (reference 5.1.56). (Added 9-11-13)
  15. Urban beekeeping (reference 5.1.63).
- (§ 20-13.2.1, 12-10-80; 9-2-81; 11-1-89; 5-12-93; Ord. 02-18(6), 10-9-02; Ord. 04-18(2), 10-13-04; Ord. 13-18(5), 9-11-13; Ord. 17-18(4), 8-9-17)

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## **Section 14. Residential – R-2**

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### **14.2 PERMITTED USES**

#### **14.2.1 BY RIGHT**

The following uses shall be permitted by right in the R-2 district, subject to the applicable requirements of this chapter:

1. Detached single-family dwellings.
2. Cluster development of permitted residential uses.

3. Rental of permitted residential uses and guest cottages, provided that yard, area and other requirements of this ordinance shall be met for each such use whether or not such use is on an individual lay-out.
4. (Repealed 9-2-81)
5. (Repealed 9-2-81)
6. Electric, gas, oil and communication facilities, excluding tower structures and including poles, lines, transformers, pipes, meters and related facilities for distribution of local service and owned and operated by a public utility. Water distribution and sewerage collection lines, pumping stations and appurtenances owned and operated by the Albemarle County Service Authority. Except as otherwise expressly provided, central water supplies and central sewerage systems in conformance with Chapter 16 of the Code of Albemarle and all other applicable law. (Amended 5-12-93)
7. Accessory uses and buildings including home occupations (reference 5.2) and storage buildings.
8. Temporary construction uses (reference 5.1.18).
9. Public uses and buildings including temporary or mobile facilities such as schools, offices, parks, playgrounds and roads funded, owned or operated by local, state or federal agencies (reference 31.2.5); public water and sewer transmission main or trunk lines, treatment facilities, pumping stations and the like, owned and/or operated by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (reference 31.2.5, 5.1.12). (Amended 11-1-89).
10. Tourist lodgings (reference 5.1.17).
11. Group home (reference 5.1.07). (Amended 8-9-17)
12. Stormwater management facilities shown on an approved final site plan or subdivision plat. (Added 10-9-02)
13. Tier I and Tier II personal wireless service facilities (reference 5.1.40). (Added 10-13-04)
14. Family day homes (reference 5.1.56). (Added 9-11-13)
15. Urban beekeeping (reference 5.1.63).

(§ 20-14.2.1, 12-10-80; 9-2-81; 11-1-89; 5-12-93; Ord. 02-18(6), 10-9-02; Ord. 04-18(2), 10-13-04; Ord. 13-18(5), 9-11-13; Ord. 17-18(4), 8-9-17)

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## **Section 15. Residential – R-4**

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### **15.2 PERMITTED USES**

#### **15.2.1 BY RIGHT**

The following uses shall be permitted by right in the R-4 district, subject to the applicable requirements of this chapter:

1. Detached single-family dwellings.

2. Side-by-side duplexes provided that density is maintained, and provided further that buildings are located so that each unit could be provided with a lot meeting all other requirements for detached single-family dwellings except for side yards at the common wall. Other two-family dwellings shall be permitted provided density is maintained.
3. Semi-detached and attached single-family dwellings such as triplexes, quadruplexes, townhouses, atrium houses and patio houses provided that density is maintained, and provided further that buildings are located so that each unit could be provided with a lot meeting all other requirements for detached single-family dwellings except for side yards at the common wall.
4. Cluster development of permitted residential uses.
5. Rental of permitted residential uses and guest cottages, provided that yard, area and other requirements of this ordinance shall be met for each such use whether or not such use is on an individual lay-out.
6. (Repealed 9-2-81)
7. (Repealed 9-2-81)
8. Electric, gas, oil and communication facilities, excluding tower structures and including poles, lines, transformers, pipes, meters and related facilities for distribution of local service and owned and operated by a public utility. Water distribution and sewerage collection lines, pumping stations and appurtenances owned and operated by the Albemarle County Service Authority. Except as otherwise expressly provided, central water supplies and central sewerage systems in conformance with Chapter 16 of the Code of Albemarle and all other applicable law. (Amended 5-12-93)
9. Accessory uses and buildings including home occupation, Class A (reference 5.2) and storage buildings.
10. Temporary construction uses (reference 5.1.18).
11. Public uses and buildings including temporary or mobile facilities such as schools, offices, parks, playgrounds and roads funded, owned or operated by local, state or federal agencies (reference 31.2.5); public water and sewer transmission, main or trunk lines, treatment facilities, pumping stations and the like, owned and/or operated by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (reference 31.2.5; 5.1.12). (Amended 11-1-89)
12. Tourist lodgings (reference 5.1.17).
13. Group home (reference 5.1.07). (Amended 8-9-17)
14. Stormwater management facilities shown on an approved final site plan or subdivision plat. (Added 10-9-02)
15. Tier I and Tier II personal wireless service facilities (reference 5.1.40). (Added 10-13-04)
16. Family day homes (reference 5.1.56). (Added 9-11-13)
17. Urban beekeeping (reference 5.1.63).

(§ 20-15.2.1, 12-10-80; 9-2-81; 11-1-89; 5-12-93; Ord. 02-18(6), 10-9-02; Ord. 04-18(2), 10-13-04; Ord. 13-18(5), 9-11-13; Ord. 17-18(4), 8-9-17)

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### **Article III. District Regulations**

#### **Section 16. Residential – R-6**

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#### **16.2 PERMITTED USES**

##### **16.2.1 BY RIGHT**

The following uses shall be permitted by right in the R-6 district, subject to the applicable requirements of this chapter:

1. Detached single-family dwellings.
2. Semi-detached and attached single-family dwellings such as duplexes, triplexes, quadraplexes, townhouses, atrium houses and patio houses provided that density is maintained, and provided further that buildings are located so that each unit could be provided with a lot meeting all other requirements for detached single-family dwellings except for side yards at the common wall.
3. Multiple-family dwellings such as garden apartments.
4. Cluster development of permitted residential uses.
5. Rental of permitted residential uses and guest cottages; provided that yard, area and other requirements of this ordinance shall be met for each such use whether or not such use is on an individual lot.
6. Group home (reference 5.1.07). (Amended 8-9-17)
7. Boarding houses.
8. Tourist lodgings (reference 5.1.17).
9. (Repealed 9-2-81)
10. (Repealed 9-2-81)
11. Electric, gas, oil and communication facilities, excluding tower structures and including poles, lines, transformers, pipes, meters and related facilities for distribution of local service and owned and operated by a public utility. Water distribution and sewerage collection lines, pumping stations and appurtenances owned and operated by the Albemarle County Service Authority. Except as otherwise expressly provided, central water supplies and central sewerage systems in conformance with Chapter 16 of the Code of Albemarle and all other applicable law. (Amended 5-12-93)
12. Public uses and buildings including temporary or mobile facilities such as schools, offices, parks, playgrounds and roads funded, owned or operated by local, state or federal agencies (reference 31.2.5); public water and sewer transmission, main or trunk lines, treatment facilities, pumping stations and the like, owned and/or operated by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (reference 31.2.5; 5.1.12). (Amended 11-1-89)
13. Temporary construction uses (reference 5.1.18).
14. Accessory uses and buildings including home occupation, Class A (reference 5.2) and storage buildings.



15. Stormwater management facilities shown on an approved final site plan or subdivision plat.  
(Added 10-9-02)

16. Tier I and Tier II personal wireless service facilities (reference 5.1.40). (Added 10-13-04)

17. Family day homes (reference 5.1.56). (Added 9-11-13)

18. Urban beekeeping (reference 5.1.63).

(§ 20-16.2.1, 12-10-80; 9-2-81; 11-1-89; 5-12-93; Ord. 02-18(6), 10-9-02; Ord. 04-18(2), 10-13-04; Ord. 13-18(5), 9-11-13; Ord. 17-18(4), 8-9-17)

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I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of to, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Dill	_____	_____
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Mr. Randolph	_____	_____