

Rich County Beehive Ordinance

Whereas, periodic mosquito spraying is in the best interests of the residents of Rich County; and

Whereas, welcoming the presence of beekeepers and their beehives is in the best interests of the residents of Rich County; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that some regulation is needed for beehives in the County to be protected from mosquito spraying:

Now therefore, the County Legislative Body of Rich County, Utah ordains as follows:

Section 1. Repeal of prior ordinance.

The prior county ordinance regarding bee-keeping (Ordinance no. 89-3) is repealed and replaced in its entirety.

Section 2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the County adopts the definitions used in the Utah Bee Inspection Act, Utah Code § 4-11-102.

Section 3. Beekeepers to register beehives with County Clerk.

- (a) Each beekeeper placing a beehive in Rich County shall notify the County Clerk in writing. The notification shall contain the following information:
 - (1) The date the beehive is being placed at its location.
 - (2) The number of beehives being placed.
 - (3) The location of each beehive(s), whether permanent or temporary.

(4) The expected date of departure from Rich County of each beehive.

(5) The name and contact information for the beekeeper responsible for the beehive.

(b) Registered beekeepers have a continuing obligation to keep the information registered with the County Clerk current.

Section 4. Annual renewal.

(a) Registrations shall all expire on January 1 of each year.

(b) Beekeepers are responsible to renew their registration each year so that the registry may be accurately maintained.

Section 5. Notification to mosquito abatement.

The Clerk is responsible to forward the registry information to the entities responsible for County spraying.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon posting as provided by law.