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ORDINANCE NO.: 4980
 AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Section 6-1 and to create Section 6-18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to allow beekeeping.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 6-1 is hereby amended to create the following definitions:

Sec. 6-1. - Definitions
 Apiary means the assembly of one (1) or more colonies of honeybees at a single location.
 Beekeeper means a person who owns or has charge of one (1) or more colonies of honeybees.
 Beekeeping equipment means anything used in the operation of an apiary, such as hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards and extractors.
 Colony means an aggregate of honeybees consisting principally of workers, but having, when perfect, one (1) queen and at times, drones, brood, combs and honey.
 Hive means the receptacle inhabited by a colony that is manufactured for that purpose.
 Honeybee means all life stages of the common domestic honeybee, *Apis mellifera* species of European origin.
 Nucleus colony means a small quantity of honeybees with a queen housed in a smaller than usual hive box designed for a particular purpose.

All other provisions of Section 6-1 shall remain unchanged.

SECTION II: Section 6-18 is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 6-18. - Beekeeping.
 Residents may own, keep or harbor honeybees for personal use subject to the provisions of this Code.

(a) License requirement.
 (1) Any person who owns, keeps, or harbors bees in the City shall obtain a license prior to January 1 of the first year or within 30 days of acquiring the bees. The term of a license commences on January 1 of the year of application and ends December 31 of the fifth year of the licensure period. Residents deciding to own, keep or harbor bees for successive years must obtain a new license for each 5-year term.
 (2) First time applicants must receive written approval from not less than 50 percent of the owner-occupied neighboring property owners whose property is within 100 feet of the applicant's property lines prior to approval of said license by the Common Council. If the applicant fails to obtain written consent as provided herein, then the license shall only be granted by an affirmative supermajority vote of 3/4 of the Common Council. The neighboring property owners shall be notified via mail by the City Clerk of the opportunity to object in person or in writing and no less than five (5) business days prior to the Judiciary & Administration meeting.
 (3) Applications shall be made to the City Clerk and the fee for the license shall be in the amount established by resolution.
 (4) The Director of Finance/Treasurer shall collect the fee prior to application or renewal.
 (5) The City of La Crosse and its officers may revoke a license if there are three (3) or more violations within any consecutive 24-month period of this or any other section of this Code.
 (6) All applicants must notify the owner or operator of the property if the applicant is not the owner or operator. Additionally, all applicants must notify the other occupant of a two-family dwelling if the occupant is not the owner. Notification is not required for renewal of a permit.
 (7) For renewal applications, licenses may be obtained by approval of the Judiciary and Administration Committee without Common Council approval.

Affidavit of Publication

} ss.

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22nd day of April 2017

and thereafter on the following dates, to wit:

being at least once in each week for 1 successive week(s).

Holly Rowland

 Holly Rowland

before me this 26th day of April 2017

JAIME SCHULTZ
 Notary Public
 State of Wisconsin

 Notary Public, La Crosse County, Wisconsin

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15th day of December 2020

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