

April 25, 2016

Foley City Council  
251 4th Avenue N  
P.O. Box 709  
Foley, MN 56329

Members of the City Council,

I am writing to request revision of the beekeeping ordinance, Section 1115.

The city of Foley's gardens, plants, fruit and flowering trees will benefit from having more bees in the area to pollinate them.

Currently the ordinance prohibits beekeeping on lots where property lines are less than 300 feet of any other property owner.

I am suggesting the following changes/additions to the ordinance.

**Property owners in Foley can keep bees with the following requirements.**

- **No more than two hives of bees.**
- **Any hive on the property must be set back at least 10 feet from the property line.**
- **If a hive is located closer than 15 feet to the property line, a flyway barrier is required.**

As a beekeeper myself, I'd like to observe and care for my colonies of bees in a backyard apiary.

Please consider this request to help make Foley a bee-friendly community.

Sincerely,

Deb Cross  
261 Balsam Drive  
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## **Current Ordinance**

Section 1115:00

### **Section 1115 – Beekeeping**

Section 1115:00. Beekeeping Limited. No person shall keep bees in this municipality on property owned by him within 300 feet of the property line of any other property owner; now shall any person keep or have at any one location more than two hives of bees in any case. Bees kept contrary to this ordinance are hereby declared a public nuisance and may be abated according to law.

## **Proposed Changes/Additions to Ordinance**

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