

VENTURA COUNTY ORDINANCES:

8107-2.6 - Apiculture.

The following standards apply to the keeping of bees.

8107-2.6.1 - An occupied apiary shall be located or maintained a safe distance from an urbanized area.

For the purpose of this section, an urbanized area is defined as an area containing three or more dwelling units per acre. A "safe distance" shall be determined after investigation by the Agricultural Commissioner and shall be consistent with Sec. 8107-2.6.2. Decisions of the Agricultural Commissioner may be appealed pursuant to Sec. 8111-7.2.c. of this Chapter.

8107-2.6.2 - Unless otherwise authorized by the Agricultural Commissioner, no occupied apiary shall be located or maintained within:

- a- 400 feet of any dwelling on adjacent property,
- b. 50 feet of any property line common to other property except that it may be adjoining the property line when such other property contains an apiary, or upon mutual agreement for such location with the adjoining property owner, and
- c- 150 feet of any public road, street or highway.

8107-2.6.3 - Adequate available and suitable water supplies shall be maintained on the property near the apiary at all times.

STATE CODE:

Article 4. Registration and Identification of Apiaries (Article 4 added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1404, Sec. 2)

29040. Every person who is the owner or is in possession of an apiary which is located within the state, on the first day of January of each year, shall register the number of colonies in each apiary which is owned by the person and the location of each apiary. Every person required to register under this article, shall do so on the first day of January of each year in which they maintain, possess, or are in possession of an apiary, or within 30 days thereafter, as prescribed in this article.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1404, Sec. 2.)

29043. Registration of an apiary shall be filed with the commissioner of the county in which the apiary is located, or with the director if there is no commissioner in the county. The director shall adopt a form of registration to be used statewide, which shall include a request for notification of use of pesticide in accordance with section 29101. All commissioners shall use the same form.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1404, Sec. 2.)

29044. Each beekeeper, apiary owner, apiary operator, or person in possession of apiary shall pay in addition to any other fees imposed under this chapter, an annual registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the commissioner of the county when the bees reside on January 1, to cover the cost of apiary registration. The director shall by regulation adopt and periodically update a schedule of the fees, which shall include late fees for anyone who fail to register an apiary under provisions of Sections 29041 and 29042.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1040, Sec. 2.)

29045. No person shall maintain any apiary which is not registered pursuant to this article. Each registration is valid until January 1 of the following year.