

## **Chapter 2**

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**Part 1****Keeping of Bees****§2-101. Definitions.**

For purposes of this Part, the following definitions shall apply:

*Bees*—any stage of the common hive or honeybee, or other species of the genus *Apis*.

*Hive*—frame hive, box hive, box, barrel, log, gum, sleep, or any other receptacle or container, natural or artificial, or any part thereof which may be used or employed as a domicile for bees.

(*Ord. -/-/1983*, §1)

**§2-102. Approved Hives Required.**

It shall be a violation of this Part for any person to keep or maintain honeybees in the Borough of Pillow in any hive other than a modern movable frame hive as required under §9 of the Bee Law, 3 Pa.C.S.A. §2109, and as approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

(*Ord. -/-/1983*, §2; as amended by A.O.)

**§2-103. Storage of Hives Regulated.**

It shall be a violation of this Part for any person to store or maintain any bee hive within the Borough except in accordance with the following minimum isolation distances set forth as follows:

A. All hives must be located at least 50 feet from any occupied dwelling or structure including the owner's dwelling.

B. All hives must be located at least 25 feet inside the property lines of the owner's property.

(*Ord. -/-/1983*, §3)

**§2-104. Duties of Owners of Hives.**

Notwithstanding the above, it shall be the duty and responsibility of any owner of a bee hive within the Borough of Pillow to take all other reasonable and necessary measures to safely store and maintain said hives so as to minimize the danger of bee stings being inflicted upon persons in the Borough.

(*Ord. -/-/1983*, §4)

**§2-105. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceeding.

and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

*(Ord. -/-/1983, §5; as amended by A.O.*

**Part 2****Keeping of Animals****§2-201. Keeping of Certain Animals.**

No person shall keep or maintain animals other than those known and commonly termed domesticated household pets such as dogs, cats, parakeets, canaries, rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, and animals of a similar nature within the boundaries and confines of the Borough of Pillow. All said animals to be kept and confined in accord with the sanitation regulations and controlled in accord with the provisions of this Part. (*Ord. 5, 4/12/1973, §1*)

**§2-202. Regulations for Animal Enclosures.**

Every keeper or owner of any animal kept within the boundaries of the Borough of Pillow shall keep the same in a good and sufficient enclosure to prevent their running at large and becoming a nuisance and a hazard to the general health and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Pillow. Said enclosure to meet with the regulations and specifications as promulgated by the Borough Health Officer and the Chief of the Borough Police. Said regulations not to be inconsistent with those of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

A. The authorized officers and agents of the Borough of Pillow shall inspect and may promulgate regulations for the keeping and housing of domesticated household pets as they may deem reasonable taking into consideration the size and type animal which each and every owner desires to keep upon his premises.

B. The authorized officers and agents of the Borough of Pillow shall inspect the manner in which said animals are kept and may promulgate sanitary regulations for the keeping of said animals in conformity with the terms of this Part.

C. The housing and sanitary regulations shall be promulgated within the following guidelines:

(1) Every keeper of any said animals shall cause the litter and droppings therefrom to be collected daily in a container or receptacle of such a type that when closed it is rat proof and fly tight and after each collection shall cause such container or receptacle to be kept closed. At least twice a week, each such keeper shall cause all litter and droppings so collected to be disposed of in a way as not to permit the presence of fly larvae.

(2) Every keeper shall provide a shelter or area of a size sufficient to be conducive to good sanitation practices and he shall provide adequate and sanitary drainage for the shelter or area.

(3) Every keeper of any said animals shall cause all feed provided therefor to be stored and kept in a rat-proof, fly-tight building, box, container, or receptacle.

(4) It is the intention that animals be housed in a fashion that is conducive to the general health and well being not only of the animal itself, but

in a fashion that will not effect the general health and welfare of the residents and citizens of the Borough of Pillow.

(5) Each and every owner of a dog or animal of similar nature and characteristic shall annually cause said animal to be examined by a competent veterinarian and cause said animal to be inoculated by said veterinarian against diseases such as rabies, distemper, hepatitis, and any other disease that may become a health hazard and effect the general health and well being of the residents and citizens of the Borough of Pillow.

(6) The owners and keepers of such animals shall keep said health records of animals housed and kept within the Borough of Pillow, and shall, when required by the officers or agents of the Borough of Pillow, present them to the officers, or agents of the Borough of Pillow for examination and approval by said Borough.

(*Ord. 5, 4/12/1973, §2*)

### **§2-203. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceeding and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 5, 4/12/1973, §4; as amended by A.O.*)