



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: June 16, 2020
Subject: Discussion and Directing Regarding the Creation of an Urban Bee Keeping Ordinance for the City of Milton

Summary

The City Administration and Common Council have received several requests over the past few years regarding the desire for the City to establish an “Urban Bee Keeping” Ordinance. Effectively this Ordinance would allow residences to establish bee hives and/or colonies within their private property for the purpose of raising bees and/or the harvesting of honey. Currently, the City Ordinances Prohibit this kind of bee cultivation within the City limits.

Staff is seeking input and guidance from the Common Council as to their desire to evaluate and/or draft an Ordinance to allow the “urban bee keeping” within the City of Milton. If the Common Council is interested in pursuing the creation of an “Urban Bee Keeping” Ordinance, what parameters should staff consider and/or include in the creation of said ordinance.

Background

By way of background, attached is a suggested Ordinance as prepared by the Alderperson Laehn.

Additionally attached is the City of Janesville Ordinance regarding the keeping of bees within the City of Janesville city limits.