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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

10 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Zoning Code, defining the term  
11 "beehive"; allowing beehives as use, with certain restrictions,  
12 in the A (Agriculture) and F-R (Forestry Recreation) classifica-  
13 tions; adding a new section to KCC 21.04; amending KCC 21.22.020,  
14 and KCC 21.38.020.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

13 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. The following Section is added to KCC 21.04:

14 Bee Hive. "Bee hive" means a structure designed to contain one colony  
15 of honey bees (apis mellifera).

16 SECTION 2. KCC 21.22.020 is amended to read as follows:

17 Permitted uses. In a "A" zone the following uses only are permitted and  
18 as hereinafter specifically provided and allowed by this chapter, subject to  
19 the off-street parking requirements, loading and unloading area requirements,  
20 and the general provisions and exceptions set forth in this title beginning  
21 with Chapter 21.46:

22 (1) One-family dwellings and accessory buildings and uses; provided  
23 that if the dwelling is factory built housing or a mobile home, it must be certified  
24 by the state of Washington, and if the dwelling is a mobile home, it must also meet  
25 on-site requirements contained in Section 18.04.050;

26 (2) Housing facilities to accommodate agricultural employees and  
27 their families employed by the owner of the premises, provided such facilities  
28 are permitted only on holdings containing ten acres or more and provided  
29 further that such housing facilities shall be considered accessory to the main  
30 dwelling but shall conform to the provisions of this classification pertaining  
31 to required yards and open spaces for dwellings;

1 (3) Agricultural crops and open field growing;

2 (4) Dairies, livestock, poultry and small animals, provided:

3 (a) Any building, pen, milking shed, cage, aviary, animal run, or  
4 area used to contain, house, confine or feed such animals or fowl other than  
5 railroad loading pens shall not be located closer than seventy-five feet to any  
6 boundary property line of the premises or any building containing a dwelling  
7 unit or accessory living quarters on the same premises,

8 (b) Any open-air storage of hay, straw, shavings or similar  
9 organic materials shall maintain a distance of not less than thirty-five feet  
10 from any boundary property line and a distance of not less than forty-five  
11 feet from any building containing a dwelling unit or accessory living quarters  
12 on the same premises;

13 (5) Forest products, growing and harvesting, including processing  
14 of locally harvested crops using portable equipment;

15 (6) Greenhouses when incidental to agricultural uses on premises;

16 (7) Marketing of products on the premises, provided:

17 (a) Only one stand shall be permitted on the premises and such stand  
18 shall not contain more than five hundred square feet of floor area and shall not  
19 be located in any required yard or open space on the premises;

20 (8) Pasturing and grazing;

21 (9) Public stables and riding academies, provided:

22 (a) Any stable or barn shall not be located closer than seventy-five  
23 feet to any boundary property line nor closer than forty-five feet to any building  
24 containing a dwelling unit or accessory living quarters on the same premises,

25 (b) Any corrals, exercise yards or rings shall maintain a distance  
26 of not less than thirty-five feet from any boundary property line and a distance  
27 of not less than forty-five feet from any building containing a dwelling unit or  
28 accessory living quarters on the same premises,

29 (c) Any open-air storage of hay, straw, shavings or similar organic  
30 materials shall maintain a distance of not less than thirty-five feet from any  
31 boundary property line and a distance of not less than forty-five feet from

1 any building containing a dwelling unit or accessory living quarters on the  
2 same premises;

3 (10) Public utility facilities such as telephone exchanges, sewage  
4 or water pumping station, electrical distribution substations, water storage  
5 reservoirs or tanks necessary for the distribution and transmission of services  
6 for the area including accessory microwave transmission facilities and towers;

7 (11) Schools and churches;

8 (12) Signs as follows:

9 (a) One single-faced identification sign not exceeding twelve  
10 square feet in area, provided if the sign is lighted it shall be stationary and  
11 nonflashing, and such sign shall not be located in any required yard or open  
12 space on the premises,

13 (b) One unlighted double-faced sign not exceeding six square  
14 feet of area per face, pertaining only to the sale, lease or hire of only the parti-  
15 cular buildings, property or premises upon which displayed;

16 (13) Unclassified uses as provided in Chapter 21.44;

17 (14) Food processing plants and facilities subject to the issuance  
18 of a conditional use permit provided the following minimum conditions are  
19 conformed to:

20 (a) The number of employees involved and the physical scale is  
21 such that there is no substantial traffic involved and the building intensity and  
22 character is consistent with the surroundings,

23 (b) There are adequate facilities provided to handle sewer and  
24 water needs and the processes do not create an air or water pollution problem,

25 (c) The use is not located within the floodway portion of the flood-  
26 plain. Expansion of the existing facilities in the floodway shall be limited to  
27 structural alterations and increases in floor area necessary for health and  
28 safety reasons ((.)) ;

29 (15). Beehives, without limit on number, provided:

30 (a) Colonies shall be maintained in movable-frame hives at all times;

31 (b) Adequate space shall be maintained in each hive to prevent

1 overcrowding and swarming;

2 (c) Colonies shall be re-queened following any swarming or aggres-  
3 sive behavior.

4 (d) All colonies shall be registered with the county agricultural  
5 extension agent prior to April 1st of each year;

6 (e) Hives shall not be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any  
7 property line, except:

8 (i) When situated eight (8) feet or more above adjacent ground  
9 level, or

10 (ii) When situated less than six (6) feet above adjacent ground  
11 level and behind a solid fence or hedge six (6) feet in height parallel to any  
12 property line within twenty-five (25) feet of the hive and extending at least  
13 twenty (20) feet beyond the hive in both directions.

14 SECTION 3. KCC 21.38.020 is amended to read as follows:

15 Permitted uses. In an F-R zone the following uses only are permitted and  
16 as hereinafter specifically provided and allowed by this chapter:

17 (1) The growing and harvesting of forest products, the operation  
18 of sawmills and chippers and activities and structures incidental to each;

19 (2) Livestock grazing and agricultural buildings and structures  
20 incidental thereto ((;-)) , and beehives as provided in KCC 21.22.020;

21 (3) Unclassified uses as provided in Chapter 21.44;

22 (4) Game and fish management;

23 (5) Dams, power plants, flowage areas, transmission lines and  
24 stations, together with necessary accessory building;

25 (6) Harvesting of any wild crop such as marsh hay, ferns, moss  
26 and berries;

27 (7) Single family residence, trailer, private summer cottages and  
28 incidental service buildings, provided that multiple lot subdivisions of more

1 than four lots shall require a planned unit development to assure environmental  
2 protection;

3 (8) Riding academies;

4 (9) Watersheds;

5 (10) Planned unit developments.

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7 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 27<sup>th</sup> day  
8 of September, 1976.

9 PASSED at a regular meeting of the King County Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day  
10 of March, 1977.

11 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
12 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

13 Mike Lowry  
14 Chairman

15 ATTEST:

16 Joanthy M. Quinn  
17 Deputy Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 197 .

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20 King County Executive

21 DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT  
22 COUNT: EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.  
23 DATED: 4/7/77