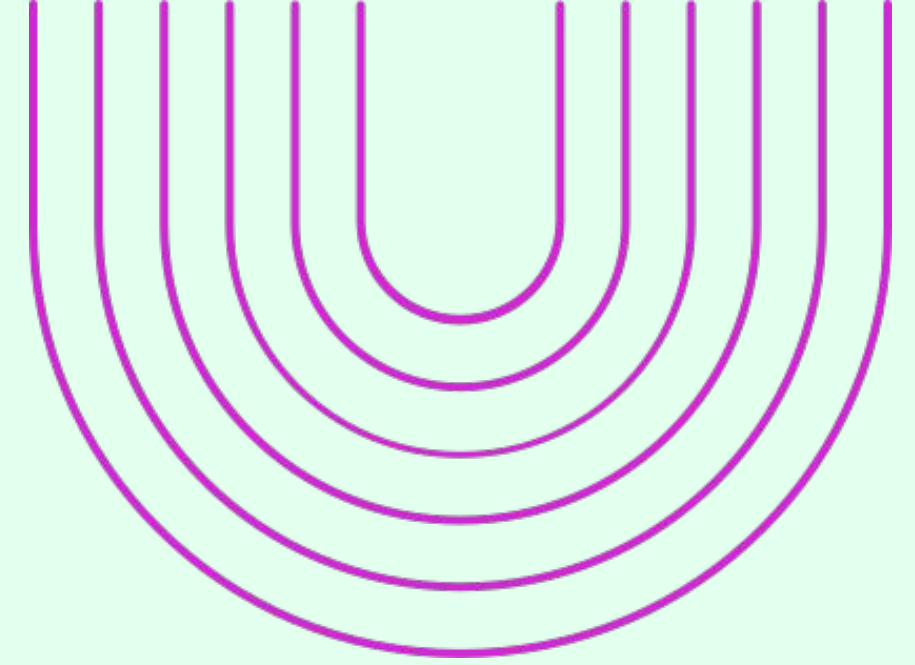


Honey Bee Zoning Amendment & Ordinance

Boston City Council
President Ruthzee Louijeune.





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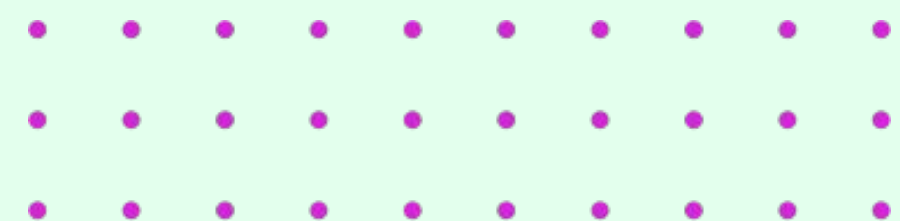
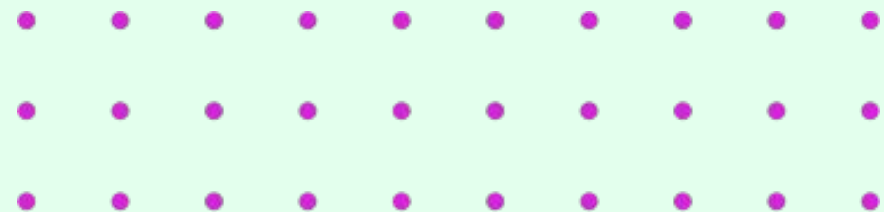


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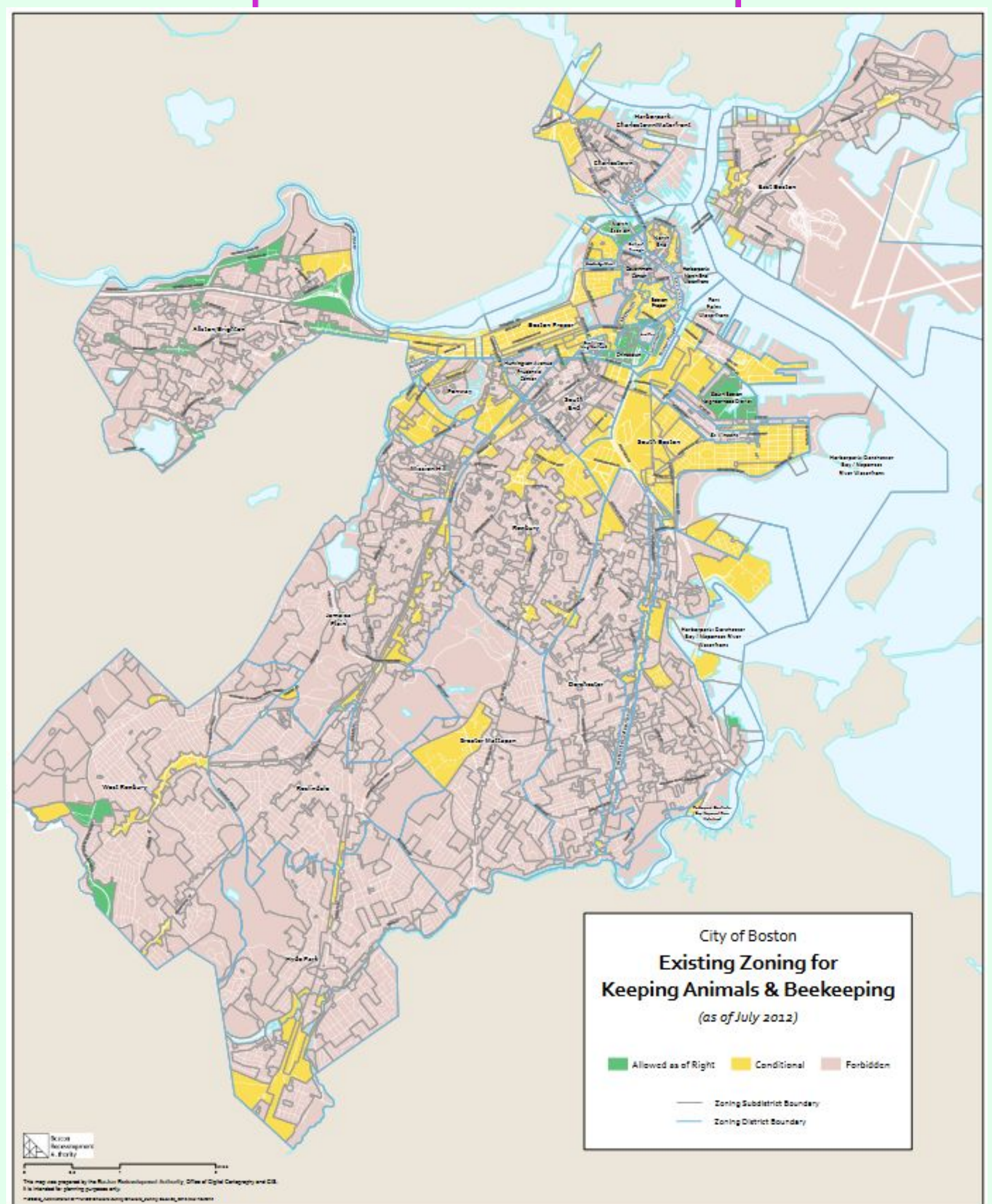
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Meet Jim Kirker, Shiela King,
and Val Mayo



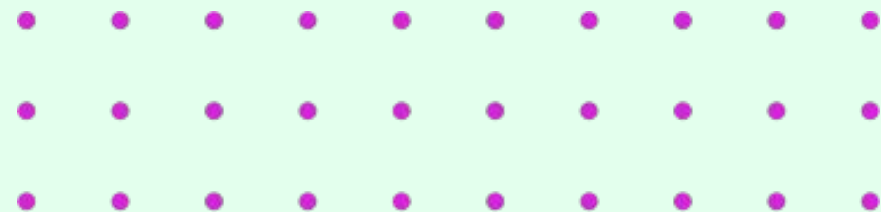
The Problem

Beekeeping is effectively a conditional or forbidden use in a majority of the city, even if you meet the regulatory and dimensional requirements.



Why Bees & Why now?

- Pollinators are essential
- Economic Opportunity
- Colony Collapse Epidemic
- Support Biodiversity



The Solution

Moving Beekeeping to Municipal Code.

TO THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND
ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston City Council through and by Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune petition to amend
the text of the Boston Zoning Code as follows:

1. In Article 2, Section 2-1. - Meaning of Certain Words and Phrases
 - a. Strike the existing definition of 'Accessory Keeping of Animals'
"Subject to the provisions of Article 10, the keeping of horses, cows,
goats, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, bees, or similar animals other than pigs."
 - b. Replace with the following definition of 'Accessory Keeping of
Animals' "Subject to the provisions of Article 10, the keeping of
horses, cows, goats, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, or similar animals
other than pigs."
2. In Article 89 Urban Agriculture
 - a. Strike Section 89-10 - Accessory Keeping of Honey Bees.
 - b. In Section 89-2. Definitions
 1. Strike 3. "Beekeeper"
 11. Strike 6. "Colony"
 - m. Strike 9. "Hive"
 - 1v. Strike 20. "Honey Bee"
 - v. Strike the phrase "or bees" from definition 30. "Urban Agriculture"
3. In Article 8 - Table A Use No. 76.
 - a. Strike the word "bees" and "or more than three colonies of bees are kept on the lot at one
time"

Petitioner: Boston City Council

By: Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune

Address: 1 City Hall Square, Suite 550, Boston, MA

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Date: XXX

Step two: Remove from
zoning.

An Ordinance Regulating the Keeping of Honey Bees

Be it ordained by the City of Boston, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 16, Section 1.27, shall be created as follows;

16-1.27 Honey bees

- a. Purpose
 - i. The purpose of this ordinance shall be for the regulation and enforcement of
keeping honey bees.
- b. Definitions
 - i. Hive - a manufactured receptacle or container prepared for the use of Honey
bees that includes movable frames, combs and substances deposited into the
Hives by honey bees.
 - ii. Honey bee - a subset of bees in the genus Apis, primarily distinguished by the
production and storage of honey and the construction of perennial, colonial nests
out of wax.
 - iii. Colony - means a natural group of honey bees having a queen or queens.
- c. Registration; Fee
 - i. Keeping of honey bees shall require registration with the Inspectional Services
Department pursuant to the regulations set forth in Section 16-1.27(d).
 - ii. The application fee shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.
- d. Regulations
 - i. The maximum number of Hives on any given lot or roof shall be five (5).
 - ii. No Hive shall exceed six (6) feet in height and twentyfour (24) cubic feet in size
on any lot or roof. No Hive will be placed on a roof that is not designed,
intended and permitted by ISD for access and occupancy.
 - iii. Where there is a wall, fence or similar barrier between the subject property and
adjacent property, no setback from the property line is required. Where there is
no wall, fence or similar barrier between subject property and adjacent property,
Hives shall be set back five (5) feet from the property line.
 - iv. Hives shall not be located in the front yard or in a side yard that abuts a street in
all residential and commercial zoning districts and subdistricts.
 - v. No Hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from a public sidewalk.
 - vi. For any ground level Hive that is within twenty (20) feet of the doors and/or
windows of the principal building on an abutting Lot, either of the following
conditions must exist:
 1. The Hive opening must face away from doors and/or windows; or
 2. A flyway of at least six (6) feet in height comprising of a lattice fence,
dense hedge or similar barrier must be established in front of the
opening of the Hive such that the honey bees fly upward and away from
neighboring properties. The flyway shall be located within three (3) feet