

CITY OF PERU PERU PLANNING COMMISSION



Peru Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
6:00PM Common Council Room

PERU PLANNING COMMISSION

ROLL CALL Chairman Sandy Faust (P), Phyllis Torrence (P), Rick Day (P), Carrie Young (P), Vincent Edmunds (P), Joseph Molyneux (P), Bill Gornto (P), Scott Wilson (A), James Comerford (P)

**Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.

- Joseph Molyneux made a motion for Sandy Faust to be elected chairperson. Motion was 2nd by Vincent Edmunds. All in favor
- Sandy Faust made a motion for Vincent Edmunds to be appointed vice chairperson. Motion was 2nd by Joseph Molyneux. All in favor.
- Sandy Faust made a motion for Carrie Young to be appointed as secretary. 2nd by Joseph Molyneux. All in favor.

READING & APPROVING PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

- Joseph Molyneux made a motion to dispense of reading and approving of last months minutes. 2nd by Sandy Faust.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bee keeping within city limits.

Motion was made by Joseph Molyneux to discuss bee keeping within city limits. 2nd by Vincent Edmunds.

- **Below is Current city of Peru ordinances on bee keeping within city limits. Following in blue print is proposed change to bee keeping within city limits.**

151.066 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

(M) The raising or keeping of bees shall be prohibited within the confines of the city limits or within 500 feet from any residence within the city jurisdiction.

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(Ord. 5-2002, passed 3-4-02; Am. Ord. 22, 2008, passed 11-3-08; Am. Ord. 14, 2015, passed 4-6-15; Am. Ord. 16, 2015, passed 4-6-15)

90.15 RAISING BEES.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to keep and raise bees within the city limits within 500 feet of any building or other structure where people dwell or reside or work or conduct a business, unless the owner or keeper of the bees contains them so that the bees are confined to their own premises, or keeps the bees at an elevation above the surface of the earth which prevents them from alighting and working on and around the dwellings and places of business within the prohibited distance. If the bees are not confined to his property, the owner or keeper of the bees shall keep them at an elevation of not less than 30 feet above the surface of the ground where they are kept. Bees kept within the city in violation of this section are declared a nuisance. (*Penal Ord. of 1917*)

Bee Keeping Within Peru City Limits

It shall be unlawful to keep more than the following number of colonies on any tract of land, based upon the size or configuration of the tract on which the apiary is situated:

- a) one quarter acre or less – two (2) colonies
- b) more than one-quarter acre but less than one-half acre – four(4) colonies
- c) more than one-half acre – six (6) colonies

Any structure used for apiculture shall comply with the following yard and setback requirements:

- a) Be located in a side or rear yard
- b) Bee hives may be located on the roof of a building with a permanent foundation.
- c) Be located at least 10 feet from any property line
- d) Hive Type - All honey bee colonies shall be kept in Langstroth-type hives with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.
- e) Fencing of Flyways - In each instance in which any colony is situated within 25 feet of a public or private property line of the tract upon which the apiary is situated, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, the beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier in the following manner so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six (6) feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary. Any fence shall comply with SECTION 501 – FENCE REQUIREMENTS and the following: 1) Height: six (6) feet in height 2) Materials: consisting of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line 3) Location: extends 10 feet beyond the colony in each direction

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- f) Water - Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the bees at all times during the year so that the bees are less likely to congregate at swimming pools, pet watering bowls, bird baths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic pet contact.
- g) Queens – Beekeepers are strongly encouraged to maintain all colonies with marked queens. In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusual aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits an unusual disposition toward swarming, beekeepers are encouraged to promptly re-queen the colony with another marked queen. Queens shall be selected from European stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Property owners were present to voice their concern with bee keeping within city limits. Scott Shepherd showed the board plats of one of the locations that wants to keep bees in the city limits. He opposed to the idea. Mr. Faust spoke to the fact that we need to open our minds to ideas like this to move forward with our city.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn at 6:30PM

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