Fast Facts: Beekeeping

Residents ARE permitted to keep apiaries if they comply with the following:

- Register all new apiaries with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Hives may ONLY be in side or rear yards
- Hives MUST be at least fifteen (15) feet from public sidewalks or lot lines, unless the yard is fenced in by a solid wall or opaque fence
- Hive openings must face away from the closest neighboring lot
- Hives must have a fresh water supply located on property
- Rooftop apiaries within twenty (20) feet of the doors and/or windows of the main building on the neighboring lot MUST have a:
  - Hive opening facing away from doors and/or windows of the building
  - Flyaway at least six (6) feet tall made of a latticed fence, dense hedge, or other barrier
    - Must be located within three (3) feet of the hive opening
    - Must extend at least two (2) feet in width on either side of the hive opening