

Local Laws on Keeping of Bees



The following is an excerpt from the *Town of Cottesloe Health Local Laws 1997*:

102. Limitation on Number of Hives

- (1) A person shall not keep or permit the keeping of bees except on a lot in accordance with this division.
- (2) Subject to sub section (3) and (4) a person shall not keep or permit the keeping of bees in more than 2 hives on a lot.
- (3) The Council may, upon written application, consent, with or without conditions, to a person keeping bees in more than 2 hives on a lot which is not zoned or classified for residential purposes.
- (4) A person shall comply with any conditions imposed by the Council under sub section (3).

103. Restrictions on Keeping of Bees in Hives

A person shall not keep or permit the keeping of bees in a hive on a lot unless, at all times -

- (a) an adequate and permanent supply of water is provided on the lot within 10 metres of the hives;
- (b) the hive is kept -
 - (i) outside, and at least 10 metres from, any building other than a fence;
 - (ii) at least 10 metres from any footpath, street, private street or public place; and
 - (iii) at least 5 metres from the boundary of the lot; and
- (c) the hive is enclosed on all sides by a fence, wall or other enclosure.

104. Bees Which Cause a Nuisance Not To Be Kept

- (1) A person shall not keep, or permit the keeping of, bees which cause a nuisance.
- (2) The Council may direct any person to remove any bees or beehives which in the opinion of the Principal Environmental Health Officer are causing a nuisance.
- (3) A person shall comply with a direction within the time specified.