



CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE TO MAKE REVISIONS TO SECTION 20.350.007 (ANIMAL KEEPING) RELATED TO BEEKEEPING REGULATIONS TO EXPAND WHERE BEEKEEPING IS PERMITTED AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO ALL ZONING DISTRICTS AND TO BROADEN STANDARDS RELATED TO BEEKEEPING**

1. SUMMARY

The City Council of the City of South San Francisco (“City”) has introduced, on July 8, 2026, and proposes to adopt, on August 12, 2026, an ordinance that would amend Title 20 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code to make revisions to Section 20.350.007 (Animal Keeping) related to beekeeping regulations to expand where beekeeping is permitted as an accessory use to all zoning districts and to broaden standards related to beekeeping. Section 20.350.007 currently permits beekeeping as an accessory use only in residential districts, subject to performance standards and an administrative permit. The proposed ordinance would expand beekeeping as a permitted accessory use to all zoning districts; increase the maximum number of beehives allowed on parcels over 10,000 square feet from four to six; require regular hive inspections and a pollinator-friendly natural food source on site to promote honeybee colony health, prevent nuisance behaviors such as swarming, and minimize competition with native bee populations; and establish siting and screening standards for beekeeping in residential and non-residential districts. The proposed amendment would be consistent with General Plan Goal ES-1, promoting healthy ecosystems, air and water quality, public health, and climate adaptation, and the proposed changes are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15308 (Class 8) of the CEQA Guidelines, applicable to regulatory actions that maintain, restore, enhance, or protect the environment.

2. This Ordinance Summary was prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 36933. The City Council ordered preparation of this Ordinance Summary by the City Attorney.

3. The City Council introduced this Ordinance on July 8, 2026, and plans to adopt the Ordinance at its regular meeting on August 12, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Library Parks and Recreation Center, 901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco, CA.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

8/4/2026

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City Clerk

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