



City Council Report

DATE: March 24, 2026

TITLE: Adoption of Ordinance 26-2344 - Beekeeping

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council take second reading and adopt Ordinance 26-2344 amending Section 7.04.10 and Chapter 7.25 - Beekeeping of the Campbell Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the City has received public comments urging a review of the beekeeping standards, citing the ecological importance of bees as pollinators and concerns over declining bee populations. In response, the City Council included an update to the Beekeeping Ordinance in the FY 2025-2026 Community Development Department's work plan.

DISCUSSION

At the regular meeting of March 3, 2026, the City Council held a public hearing to introduce and take first reading of Ordinance 26-2344 amending Section 7.04.010 (Definitions) and Chapter 7.28 (Beekeeping) of the Campbell Municipal Code.

The City Council unanimously approved first reading of Ordinance 26-2344 and staff is returning to the City Council for second reading of the ordinance. In accordance with Government Code Section 36933, a summary ordinance has been published in the Metro Silicon Valley, a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Campbell, County of Santa Clara on March 11, 2026. If adopted, an additional summary notice will be published on April 1, 2026. Ordinance 26-2344 will become effective 30 days following adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT

Nominal publication costs are associated with the second reading of Ordinance 26-2344 to meet requirements of Government Code Section 36933 but can be absorbed with the current FY 2026 Operating budget. Other fiscal impacts are included in the March 3, 2026, staff report introducing the item.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not adopt the ordinance and retain the existing provisions of Campbell Municipal Code Chapter 7.25.
2. Continue the item to a future City Council meeting to allow staff additional time to conduct further analysis, or explore alternative beekeeping regulations.
3. Direct staff to modify the proposed ordinance to address specific concerns raised by the City Council and return with a revised ordinance for consideration.

PREPARED BY: Andrea Sanders, City Clerk

Report Approval Details

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This document and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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