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Subject: Bee ordinance set back restrictions

Hello, I am very concerned about the setback restrictions on hives as they preclude older neighborhoods where setbacks requested may not exist. In situations where neighbors are in agreement and hives are placed so that flight path is directed away from traffic, what is the issue with not allowing that variance without a struggle? This action will drive people in older neighborhoods to hide their hives rather than register them. Even in my yard, which is only 40 feet wide, I am left with a 10 foot zone to place any hive, with a strict 15 foot setback. That zone in my garden happens to be spoken for and is not the best place for a hive placement. Where is a case by case evaluation? Bees are important in our environment and we need to do all we can to encourage local hives. Please make a change to this critical issue. Thank you. John Steines, 3327 Chicago Ave.