



Beekeeping Ordinances in Orange County Cities

Not all cities in Orange County allow beekeeping. Following is a list of cities and whether beekeeping is legal in them. Please contact the city in which you live for more information.

City	Beekeeping Legal	Website
County of Orange	No	https://library.municode.com/ca/orange_county/codes/code_of_ordinances
Aliso Viejo	No	https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/AlisoViejo/
Anaheim	Only with permit	http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/anaheim/anah eimunicipalcode?f=templates\$fn=default.htm\$3.0\$vid=amlegal:anaheim_ca\$anc=JD_CityCode
Brea	No	http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/brea/cityofbre acaliforniacitycode?f=templates\$fn=default.htm\$3.0\$vid=amlegal:brea_ca
Buena Park	Yes, but only in Agricultural Overlay Zone	http://qcode.us/codes/buenapark/
Costa Mesa	Not legal for residential areas	http://qcode.us/codes/costamesa/?view=desktop
Cypress	No	http://qcode.us/codes/cypress/
Dana Point	Prohibited per zoning code	http://qcode.us/codes/danapoint/
Fountain Valley	No	http://qcode.us/codes/fountainvalley/
Fullerton	Yes, requires permit	http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/fullertn/fuller toncaliforniamunicipalcode?f=templates\$fn=default.htm\$3.0\$vid=amlegal:fullerton_ca
Garden Grove	No	http://www.qcode.us/codes/gardengrove/
Huntington Beach	Yes, subject to meeting code	http://www.qcode.us/codes/huntingtonbeach/
Irvine	Not in residential area	http://www.qcode.us/codes/huntingtonbeach/
La Habra	Not in residential area	http://qcode.us/codes/lahabra/
La Palma	No	https://library.municode.com/ca/la_palma/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH44ZO_ARTIIZODIALLAUS_DIV3RESU DEST_S44-104AN
Laguna Beach	Yes, requires permit	http://qcode.us/codes/lagunabeach/
Laguna Hills	Yes in city's Estate Residential zone	https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/LagunaHills/#!/LagunaHills09/LagunaHills0912.html#9-12
Laguna Niguel	No	https://library.municode.com/ca/laguna_niguel/codes/code_of_ordinances
Laguna Woods	City says yes (with permit); Laguna Woods Village says not allowed	https://library.municode.com/ca/laguna_woods/codes/code_of_ordinances

Lake Forest	Not legal for residential areas. Allowed in General Agricultural and Open Space areas with permit.	http://qcode.us/codes/lakeforest/
Los Alamitos	No	http://qcode.us/codes/losalamitos/
Mission Viejo	No	https://library.municode.com/search?stateId=5&clientId=3336&searchText=apiary&contentType=CODES & https://library.municode.com/ca/mission_viejo/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=MUCO_TIT9LAUSZOSURE_CH9.59NUA_B_DIV1NU_S9.59.110NUDE
Newport Beach	No	https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/NewportBeach/
Orange, City of	Yes, with permit and adequate water supply	6.08.010 - Bee keeping must comply with Chapter 6.08 of the municipal code. See section here: https://library.municode.com/ca/orange/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT6AN_CH6.08BIBE_6.08.010KEBEEERRE
Placentia	No	http://qcode.us/codes/placentia/view.php?topic=9-9_12-9_12_010&frames=on
Rancho Santa Margarita	No ordinance or restrictions indicated in municipal code.	https://library.municode.com/ca/rancho_santa_margarita/codes/code_of_ordinances
San Clemente	Yes, with permit and must comply with requirements	https://library.municode.com/ca/san_clemente
San Juan Capistrano	In Agri-Business areas. Limited residential with permit	http://www.qcode.us/codes/sanjuancapistrano/
Santa Ana	Yes, subject to code regulations	https://library.municode.com/ca/santa_ana/codes/code_of_ordinances
Seal Beach	Yes	http://www.qcode.us/codes/sealbeach/
Stanton	Yes in Residential Estate zoning district with permit	http://www.qcode.us/codes/stanton/view.php?topic=20-4-20_400-20_400_040&frames=on
Tustin	Yes	https://library.municode.com/ca/tustin/codes/code_of_ordinances
Villa Park	No ordinance or restrictions indicated in municipal code	http://villapark.org/Content-Search-Results?sb-search=municipal+code&sb-bhvr=1&sb-logid=1255-rbugqn47w4xkck5t
Westminster	Yes	http://www.westminster-ca.gov/our_city/depts/cityclerk/municipal_code.asp
Yorba Linda	Yes, zone dependent.	http://www.westminster-ca.gov/our_city/depts/cityclerk/municipal_code.asp

NOTE: This information was updated February 2019. There may be changes in ordinances since that time. Check with city or county contacts for the most current ordinances.

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