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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	12867	Agenda Number	19.
Meeting Date:	3/22/2012		Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 3-6 to provide for the relocation of wild or abandoned bees that do not threaten human or animal health or interfere with the normal use or enjoyment of public or private property.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. No fiscal note is required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	Council approved requesting the City Manager to make removal and relocation the priority over the destruction of bee colonies and swarms, November 10, 2011.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

On November 10, 2011 the City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Central Texas Bee Rescue, relevant City departments and community stakeholders to identify the sections in City Code that might result in furthering the decline of honeybees in Austin.

City Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) held a stakeholders' meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 to disseminate and review the Council Resolution and discuss the City's initiative to make removal and relocation of bee colonies and swarms within the City of Austin the priority over destruction, while also ensuring the public's health and safety. Stakeholders included representatives from the local beekeeping community and commercial pest control industry.

HHSD recommends that Section 3-6-22 and 3-6-24 of the City Code be amended to promote the Council's objective to maintain the honeybee population within the City and prevent its further decline.