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**Greenfield Common Council Approves Beekeeping**  
*Potential Beekeepers May Apply for Permits in March*

**GREENFIELD, WI** – On January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Greenfield Common Council approved an ordinance to permit beekeeping in the City of Greenfield. Residents who are interested in keeping bees will be able to apply for an annual permit by mid-February, when the application will be available on the City website.

The approved ordinance represents a months-long process undertaken by the Greenfield Board of Health, who was first approached by residents in spring 2015 to allow beekeeping. Several residents, many whom are members of the Milwaukee-Waukesha Beekeeper’s Association, were helpful in sharing their knowledge of beekeeping and rules from other nearby cities.

“The Common Council and Board of Health should be commended for supporting beekeeping and all of its benefits to the City of Greenfield,” said Darren Rausch, Health Officer/Director. “As the Board began our research, it became apparent that honeybees are a key cog in our ecosystem and have value for their pollination as well as for their honey.”

The approved ordinance amends Chapter 12, Health and Sanitation, of the Greenfield Municipal Code. This portion of Code outlines the provisions and requirements of beekeepers within the City.

Prospective beekeepers are encouraged to seek education and training through the Milwaukee-Waukesha Beekeeper’s Association (<http://mwbeekeepers.org/>), UW-Extension (<http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/agriculture/beekeeping/>), or similar organization.

Any additional questions may be directed to the Greenfield Health Department.

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