

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

OPEN SPACE DEFINITION FOR BEE USE

SECTION 23.526, TAX CODE, is added to read as follows:

Section 23.526. STANDARDS FOR QUALIFICATION OF LAND FOR APPRAISAL BASED ON BEE USE. Land must be used for bee pollination or production and must have hives on the land 9 months of the year. Degree of intensity standards are set at a minimum of 5 acres with a minimum of 6 hives. The minimum degree of intensity is established using Section 131.001 Texas Agriculture Codes definition of an apiary, which is a place where six or more colonies of bees or nuclei of bees are kept. A colony is the hive and its equipment and appurtenances including bees, comb, honey, pollen and brood. For each additional 2.5 acres, one additional hive is required.