



# VILLAGE OF BARTLETT BEEHIVE BUILDING PERMIT AND BEE KEEPING LICENSE APPLICATION

Building Permit Fee: \$35    Bee Keeping License Fee: \$25

<b>For Office Use Only</b>	
<i>(Village Stamp)</i>	
Approved by: _____	Date: _____

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where bees will be located (if different then above): \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTRACTOR INFORMATION IF HOMEOWNER IS DOING THE WORK, WRITE HOMEOWNER

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPERTY AND BEE HIVE INFORMATION:

Lot square footage \_\_\_\_\_ sq.ft. (Minimum 10,000 sq.ft. lot)

Number of hives to be located on the property: \_\_\_\_\_ (Max. of 2)

Size of hive(s): \_\_\_\_\_ sq.ft (Maximum 30 sq.ft.) Height of hive(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum 5-ft)

Check one:  the rear yard is enclosed with a min. 5-ft tall solid fence/dense vegetation

a 5' tall fly-away barrier is provided *(only if lot is at least 20,000 sq.ft.)*

### PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH THIS APPLICATION:

Plat of Survey depicting the location of the bee hive and dimensioning the distances from the hive(s) to the property lines, the location of the of the signage warning of the presence of bees, the location of the fence or fly-away barrier, and the location and type of water source provided

A copy of your the II Department of Agriculture registration <https://www.agr.state.il.us/programs/bces/beekeep.pdf>

Product specifications and dimensions for the bee hive(s)

Product specifications for the fence/fly-away barrier

Image of the sign to be posted on the property

Signed Disclosure Regarding Private Covenants

### LANDLORD OR PROPERTY OWNER AUTHORIZATION:

I, owner of the property listed above, agree to assume responsibility for any legal issues associated with the bees housed on my property and am familiar with the attached regulations. I hereby certify this submittal is in conformance with all regulations for beekeeping as stated in the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance Section 10-4A-2-C-3.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCLOSURE REGARDING PRIVATE COVENANTS

The undersigned owner(s) of real estate in the \_\_\_\_\_ subdivision or PUD (the "Subdivision") in the Village of Bartlett hereby acknowledge that the Village of Bartlett had advised them that there may be private covenants, restrictions, and conditions of record (the "private covenants") which do not allow the undersigned to **keep bees** even though doing so may be allowed under the Village's ordinances upon issuance of a building permit. The Village does not enforce private covenants. However, under most private covenants, a homeowner's association or any owner or owners in a subdivision have the power to enforce the covenants, including making you remove the improvements and paying for their attorney's fees if they are successful in any litigation to enforce the private covenants. If you are not sure whether the private covenants allow you to make the proposed improvements, you should review the private covenants before installing them and before entering into a contract to have the improvements installed by a contractor.

**OWNER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

### TITLE 10-4A-2-C-3: BEEKEEPING

#### 3. Beekeeping.

- a. Bees and Bee Hives shall be permitted on residential zoning lots containing a minimum of 10,000 square feet.
- b. A maximum of two (2) hives/colonies shall be permitted on properties zoned and occupied for single family residential uses.
- c. The hive(s) shall be located only in the rear yard and a minimum of 15 feet from all lot lines.
- d. A flyway barrier at least five (5) feet in height, consisting of either a solid fence with a secure gate, or dense vegetation/landscaping shall be required for the perimeter of the rear yard in which the hive is located. Those lots exceeding 20,000 square feet in area shall only be required to screen the hive(s) with either dense landscaping or solid fencing at least five (5) feet in height to create a flyway barrier for the bees and to minimize the impact to adjoining properties.
- e. Prominent signage warning of the presence of bees shall be required on the property (i.e. gate).
- f. Each hive shall not exceed five (5) feet in height, nor shall the land area designated for the hives exceed 30 square feet in total.
- g. A source of water shall be available at all times on the property during the beehive's active months (March-November).
- h. All areas where beehives are kept shall be clean and well maintained with no accumulation of bee combs, wax, etc. around the site.
- i. An initial building permit shall be required for all hives and an inspection/approval is required prior to obtaining a beekeeping license.
- j. A beekeeping license issued by the Village with a one-time fee of \$25 shall be required prior to obtaining the bees. A renewal license shall be required each year thereafter, with no additional fee or building inspection required.
- k. Proof of registration with the Illinois Department of Agricultural will be required with the annual license.
- l. A maximum of 25 residential zoning lots will be licensed to have bees in the Village at one time.



# APIARY LICENSE APPLICATION

- New Permit
- Renewal

## 1. Address & Contact Information

Applicant  I am also the property owner

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Owner Information

\*If the applicant is not the owner, an owner disclosure statement is required.

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Property Information

PIN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Property Zoning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Land Use \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Existing Structures (Total Sq. Ft.) \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Department of Agriculture Registration

I have completed the IL Dept. of Agriculture Apiary Registration.  
 Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Restrictive Covenants

I certify that my property is not subject to restrictive covenants that prohibit keeping bees or having hives on my property.  
 Subdivision Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Municipal Code Violations

I certify that I have no active enforcement actions against my property and am current in all payments to the Village.

## 7. Apiary Checklist

Has each adjacent neighbor been given a written notice of your intentions?  YES  NO

Dimensions of hives: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the apiary located in the rear yard?  YES  NO

How many hives do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the apiary set back 10 feet from any lot line?

YES  NO

\*Additional materials may be required during the review process. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

### Safety and Maintenance:

- Beekeepers shall requeen colonies that exhibit unusually aggressive behavior.
- Beekeepers shall ensure a source of water is accessible on the zoning lot within 50 ft. of apiary.
- Apiaries shall be maintained so as not to become a nuisance.
- Colonies shall be maintained in movable-frame hives with adequate spacing.
- Apiaries shall be screened to provide a flyway barrier.
- Retail sales of any products on-site is prohibited.

### Attachments

- A. Site Plan
- B. Apiary Plan with dimensions
- C. Architectural Elevation/Perspective Drawings.
- D. Owner Authorization Form, if required.

FOR STAFF USE: Application Complete <input type="checkbox"/>
Received By: _____
Date: _____ Permit No.: _____



# Apiary License Worksheet

The following tips will help you complete the Apiary License Application. Entries correspond to the numbers on the application.

## 1. and 2. Address and Contact Information and Owner Information

This should be the address/contact information for you, the applicant. If you are also the property owner, check the box and skip number 2. *Owner Information*. If you are not the property owner, you must provide owner contact information. You must also obtain permission from the owner. See the 'Owner Authorization Form' on the back of the application.

## 3. Property Information

- The parcel identification or PIN number can be found on your property tax record. You can also find this by using the DuPage County's online map tool.
- Current land use describes the way the land is used. For example, the land use could be single-family residential.
- Lot dimensions are the measurement of each side of the lot.
- For existing structures, calculate the square footage of each building on the lot.

## 4. Department of Agriculture Registration

All applicants must complete a free registration with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. This is to ensure that the Department of Agriculture can contact you in case of an animal emergency or disease outbreak. This form can be completed online at [www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Insects/Bees](http://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Insects/Bees).

## 5. Restrictive Covenants

Restrictive covenants are placed on the deed of the property. This can be found in the property deed or an attached document that lists the restrictions. Many residential developments have restrictive covenants. If you live in a neighborhood with a Homeowner's Association contact the association to learn about covenants on your lot.

## 6. Municipal Code Violations

If you have active municipal code violations involving your property, a Apiary License will not be issued to you.

## 7. Apiary Checklist

Apiary standards are established in the municipal ordinance under accessory structures.

## Attachments:

### A. Site Plan

The site plan should include the following:

- Drawing should be to scale.
- Lot dimensions.
- Location of existing structures on the site.
- Proposed apiary location with setback distances from property lines.
- Distance from the apiary to adjacent homes.

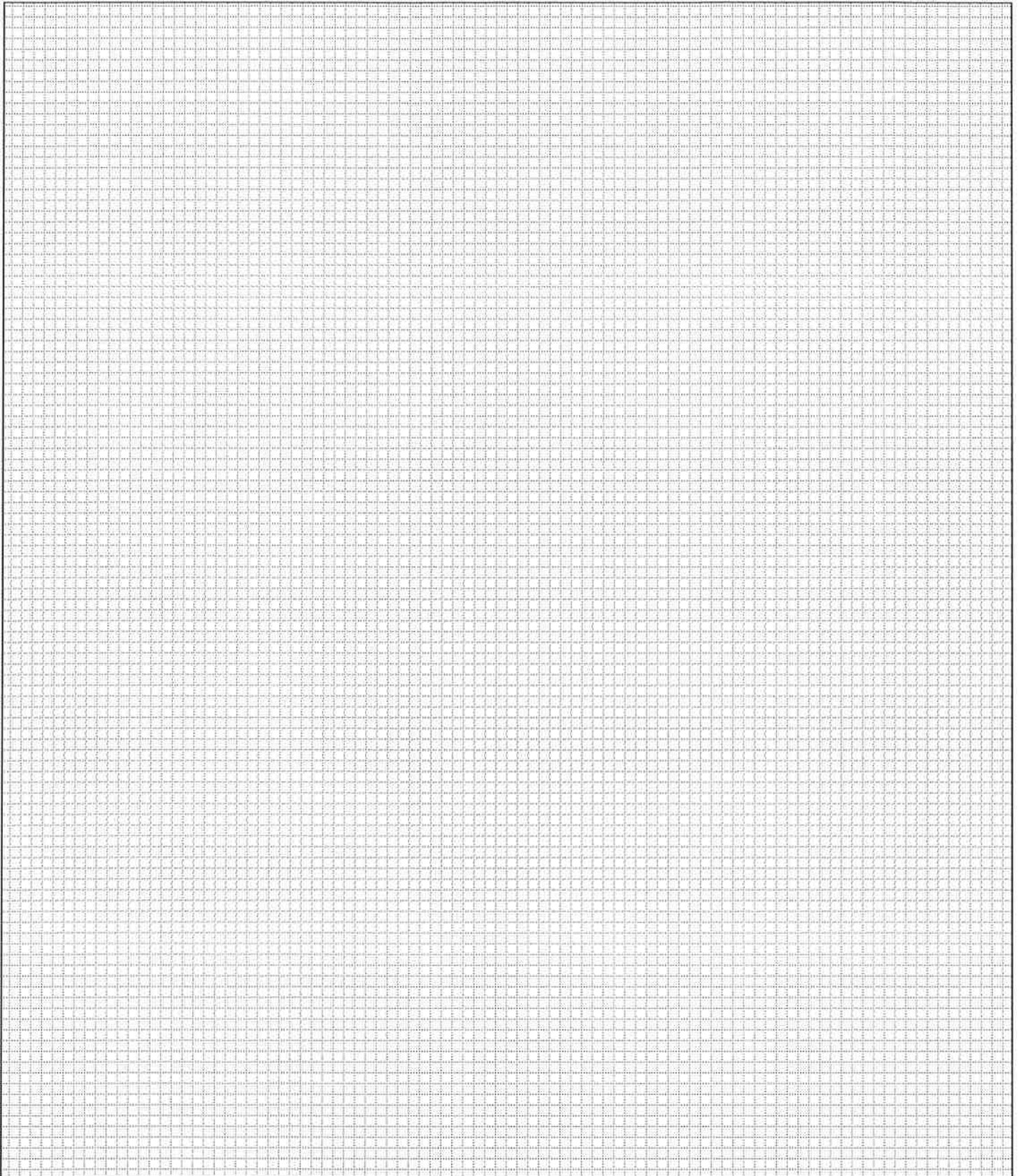
### B. Apiary Plan with Dimensions

- This should include the building/structural plan of the hives with dimensions.

### C. Architectural Elevation/Perspective Drawings

- Drawings and images should indicate general size/height of the hives.
- If the hive is from a stock plan or is pre-fabricated, photographs can take the place of drawings.

# Apiary License Worksheet

A large rectangular area filled with a fine grid of small squares, typical of graph paper, intended for calculations or drawing.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
APIARY INSPECTION SECTION  
P.O. BOX 19281 - FAIRGROUNDS  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62794-9281**

<i>For Agency Use Only</i>	
Registration No.	_____
Registration Date	_____

**APPLICATION FOR APIARY REGISTRATION**

**TO ALL BEEKEEPERS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS:**

In compliance with the Illinois *Bees and Apiaries Act*, every person keeping bees must register with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. There is no charge for registration. To register, complete and return this form to the address listed above.

Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY of RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please consider registering your colonies on DriftWatch at [www.driftwatch.org](http://www.driftwatch.org).

**APIARY LOCATION INFORMATION**

An apiary is any place where one or more colonies of bees are kept. Location of all apiaries must be listed.

Please provide GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates which are required for registration. They can be obtained from the website [www.itouchmap.com/latlong.html](http://www.itouchmap.com/latlong.html). Address and Legal Description (example below) are also helpful.

EXAMPLE OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR COUNTY PLAT BOOK OR SIDWELL BOOK IN THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE OR THROUGH THE GPS TAX BOOK IN THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE)

1/4 1/4 SECTION SW	1/4 SECTION SE	SECTION 27	TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH	RANGE 5 WEST	P.M. 3RD
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Number of Colonies	County	Name of Township	GPS Coordinates, Address and Legal Description (Section, Township, Range)	Landowner or Name of Person at Premises Where the Colonies Are Kept
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This state agency is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined under the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 510, Act 20. Failure to provide this information shall prevent this form from being processed. This form has been approved by the State Forms Management Center.



# Burr Ridge

## Keeping of Livestock, Chickens, and Bees as Accessory Uses in Residential Districts

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, accessory buildings or structures shall not be used for the keeping of livestock, poultry or rabbits, whether for profit or not, unless said buildings or structures meet the following requirements:

1. All livestock, poultry, and rabbits (except up to a maximum of two rabbits kept as household pets and except for chickens and bees as regulated herein) shall be kept only on lots or parcels of at least five acres in size. (Amended by Ordinance A-834-05-14)
2. There shall be no more than one horse or other livestock, poultry, and rabbits for each 20,000 square feet of lot area except for chickens and rabbits as regulated herein.
3. Accessory buildings or structures for livestock shall be located at least 50 feet from the side or rear lot lines.
4. Chickens, also referred to herein as domestic hens or hens, are permitted on properties of one acre or more and zoned for single-family residential use subject to the following terms and conditions:
  1. A maximum of four domestic hens are permitted;
  2. The keeping of roosters and the slaughtering of any chickens is prohibited;
  3. Hens shall be kept in an enclosure at all times and the enclosure shall comply with the following:
    1. The area of the enclosure shall not exceed 150 square feet.
    2. The enclosure shall be designed for the specific purpose of keeping chickens, to prevent access by wild animals, and to prevent attraction of rodents.
    3. The enclosure shall include an open area enclosed with hardware cloth that is buried at the perimeter at least six inches in the ground.
    4. The enclosure shall be considered an accessory building for purposes of zoning, shall comply with all zoning regulations for accessory buildings not specifically modified herein, and shall be subject to the issuance of permit.
  4. The enclosure shall be located in the rear buildable area of the property with a minimum setback from the interior side and corner side lot lines equal to the setback of the principal building and may encroach into the required rear yard setback subject to a minimum setback from the rear lot line of 10 feet.

(H.3.b,c,d amended by Ordinance A-834-23-12).
5. Bee colonies maintained as a hobby by a resident of the same property and which is not for commercial purposes are permitted as within the R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-2B, and R-3 Districts subject to the following terms and conditions:
  1. All bees shall be of the common domestic honey bees of the *Apis Mellifera* species.
  2. All bee colonies and beekeepers shall be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture as required by the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act



(510 ILCS 20/1 et seq.) and shall comply with all applicable regulations of said Department and legislation as may be amended from time to time.

3. All colonies must be kept in inspectable-type hives, with removable combs, which shall be kept in sound, usable and sanitary condition.
4. All colonies must be kept within the rear yard and rear buildable area with a minimum setback from all lot lines of 15 feet.
5. Bee hives shall be kept within one or more contiguous bee hive structure(s) with a combined area not exceeding 8 square feet and 6 feet in height.
6. Lots having 80,000 square feet of lot area or less shall not have more than two colonies. Lots exceeding 80,000 square feet of lot area may have a maximum of four colonies.
7. In any instance where a bee colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits an unusual disposition towards swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to re-queen the colony. Queens shall be selected from a stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics. (H.3.e Added by Ordinance A-834-05-14)

# Clarendon Hills

## **CHAPTER 15 HOBBY BEEKEEPING**

15.1:					PURPOSE	
15.2:					DEFINITIONS	
15.3:	PERMIT	AND	REGISTRATION		REQUIRED	
15.4:	KEEPING	OF	BEEES	FOR	HOBBY	PURPOSES
15.5:		STANDARDS		OF		PRACTICE
15.6:						ENFORCEMENT

### **15.1: PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this chapter is to establish requirements for sound beekeeping practices for hobby beekeeping, so that the hobby beekeeping does not become a nuisance. These requirements are intended to avoid problems that may otherwise result from the keeping of bees in populated urban areas.
2. In addition to the requirements set forth in this chapter, all beekeepers shall maintain their bee colonies in a manner that complies with the provisions of the Illinois bees and apiaries act<sup>1</sup>, or any successor thereto, as amended.

(Ord. 13-12-43)

Notes

<sup>1</sup> 510 ILCS 20/1 et seq.

### **15.2: DEFINITIONS**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

APIARY: A place where one or more bee colonies are kept.

BEE: Any stage of the common domestic honeybee, *Apis mellifera* species.

BEEKEEPER: A person who owns or has charge of one or more colonies of bees.

BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT: Anything used in the operation of an apiary, including, but not limited to, hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards and extractors.

COLONY (COLONIES): A hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen and brood.

HIVE: A structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.

HOBBY BEEKEEPING: The keeping of bees subject to the restrictions set forth in this chapter.

NUCLEUS COLONY: A small quantity of bees with a queen housed in a smaller than usual hive box designed for a particular purpose.

(Ord. 13-12-43)

### **15.3: PERMIT AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

1. Village Permit: It shall be unlawful to establish a bee apiary in the village of Clarendon Hills without first obtaining a no fee beekeeping permit from the village. Beekeepers, who owned and operated a bee apiary within the village prior to the effective date of this chapter (December 27, 2013), and who continue to do so after the effective date of this chapter, shall have thirty (30) days after such effective date of this chapter to apply for a beekeeping permit. The village manager or his/her designee shall have the authority to approve or deny permits, based upon compliance with this chapter.
2. State Registration: All beekeepers must register their apiary with the Illinois department of agriculture, as required by the Illinois bees and apiaries act<sup>1</sup>.

(Ord. 13-12-43)

Notes

<sup>1</sup> 510 ILCS 20/1 et seq.

#### **15.4: KEEPING OF BEES FOR HOBBY PURPOSES**

1. No owner of any property within the village of Clarendon Hills shall allow other persons, not residing on such property, to maintain bee colonies on such property.
2. Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this chapter, it shall constitute a nuisance, and shall be unlawful, for any beekeeper to keep any colony or colonies of bees in such a manner or condition as to cause any unhealthy condition to exist, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life, or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or the property of individuals other than the beekeeper.

(Ord. 13-12-43)

#### **15.5: STANDARDS OF PRACTICE**

1. Hives: All colonies shall be kept in inspectable type hives, with removable combs, which shall be kept in sound, usable and sanitary condition.
2. Setback And Fencing Of Flyways: Colonies shall not be located within any required front or side yards, or within ten feet (10') of the rear yard property line. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any colony is situated within twenty feet (20') of any property line, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, the beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier, which may consist of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation, or combination thereof, that completely encloses the apiary, or forms an effective barrier, so that the bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six feet (6') above ground level when crossing the property line to reach the hives. Any such flyway barrier shall be constructed in compliance with applicable village ordinances.
3. Water: Each beekeeper shall provide a convenient source of water to the bees at all times.

4. Colony Density: Lots having less than eighty thousand (80,000) square feet of lot area shall not have more than two (2) colonies. Lots having eighty thousand (80,000) square feet or more of lot area shall not have more than four (4) colonies. A nucleus colony shall be considered a colony when determining the number of colonies on a lot.

(Ord. 13-12-43)

#### **15.6: ENFORCEMENT**

1. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than seventy five dollars (\$75.00), nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.
2. If any colony is not brought into compliance with this chapter within fifteen (15) days after the date of the notice of violation is given by the village, the village may remove or cause the removal of such colony, at the property owner's expense, subject to the village complying with the nuisance abatement provisions set forth in sections 12.3 and 12.4 of this code.
3. In addition to any penalty imposed, the village manager, or his/her designee, may suspend or revoke any beekeeping permit for violations of this chapter, subject to complying with sections 31.12 and 31.13 of this code in regard thereto.



Community Development Department  
1702 Plainfield Road Darien, Illinois 60561  
Tel: 630-852-8115 Fax: 630-852-4709

## **BEEKEEPING, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING** (*intake staff to verify required submittal documents indicated below*):

- **Building Permit Application** that is filled out and **signed by owner**
- **Bee Hive / Bee Colony Specification Sheet** (both pages 1 and 2) filled out and **signed by owner**
- **Legal Plat of Survey** that is Scale and indicates All Existing Conditions
- **Site Plan** (typically, a copy of the plat of survey) indicating the bee hive location and distances to lot lines and other structures (i.e. house, detached garage, shed, etc.)

### **Bee Hive and Colony Yard Requirements**

- Maximum of two (2) bee hives/colonies shall be permitted on residential zoning lots containing a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) square feet as an accessory use-hives/colony yards shall occur only in rear yards of single family properties.
- The hive(s) shall be located only in the rear yard and a minimum of fifteen feet (15') from all lot lines.
- A flyway barrier at least five feet (5') in height, consisting of a solid fence, tall bushes, the side of your garage or shed, or anything else that forces the bees to immediately fly up into the air and away from people adjacent to the beekeeping hives.
- Prominent signage warning of the presence of bees shall be required on the property (i.e., gate).
- Each hive shall not exceed five feet (5') in height, nor shall the land area designated for the hives exceed thirty (30) square feet in total.
- An initial building-registration permit shall be required for all hives and an inspection/approval is required prior to obtaining a beekeeping permit.
- A beekeeping permit issued by the City with a one-time fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) shall be required. A renewal permit shall be required each year thereafter, with no additional fee or building inspection required.

### **Sanitation requirements**

- A source of water shall be available at all times on the property during the beehive's active months (March - November). Humane conditions are to be maintained year round.
- All areas where beehives are kept shall be clean and well maintained with no accumulation of bee combs, wax, etc., around the site.
- All hives are required to register and maintain requirements with the Illinois Department of Agriculture as required.
- Sales of honey or anything related to beekeeping are not allowed.

**On or prior to May 1, 2021 all nonconforming properties must be brought into conformance with the hobby beekeeping regulations of this article. This period is for all purposes deemed an appropriate amortization period for each and every nonconforming property presently located within the corporate limits of the City or hereinafter located within the City by reason of annexation into the City of the lot or parcel on which the uses are located.**



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 Tel: 630-852-8115 Fax: 630-852-4709

**BEEKEEPING PERMIT**

PERMIT FEE \$25.00

**1. ADDRESS AND APPLICANT INFORMATION**

FULL NAME			
ADDRESS			
PHONE (H)		PHONE (C)	
EMAIL			

**2. OWNER INFORMATION** WHEN APPLICANT IS NOT OWNER

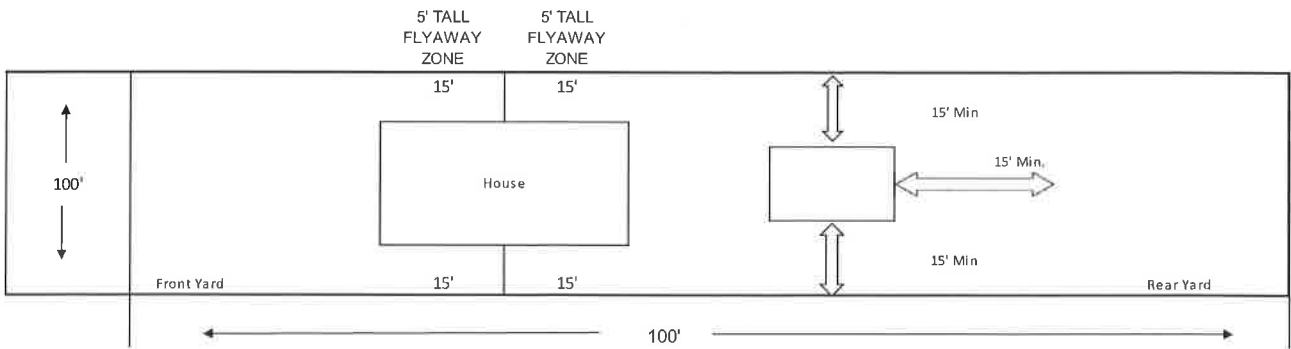
FULL NAME			
ADDRESS			
PHONE (H)		PHONE (C)	
EMAIL			

**3. PROPERTY INFORMATION (SITE PLAN REQUIRED)**

ZONING DISTRICT	R1 R2 R3		SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED		
LOT SQ FT*		* minimum lot size 10,000 square feet	# OF COLONIES*		* Maximum of 2

**4. COLONY INFORMATION**

SETBACK DISTANCE 1 (minimum 15' to property line)				SETBACK DISTANCE 2 (minimum 15' to property line)			
	SIDE (ft)	REAR (ft)	SIDE (ft)		SIDE	REAR	SIDE



**5. VERIFICATION**

Applicant and Owner agree to allow City staff personnel to access the property for the purpose of verifying compliance with all applicable codes.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH.

APPLICANT:					DATE:			
OWNER:					DATE:			
OFFICE USE ONLY				1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation	Revoked	Removed
APPROVED BY:		DATE:						



# CITY OF ELMHURST

209 NORTH YORK STREET  
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS 60126-2759

[www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org)

Building Department – 630-530-3030

Fax: 630-530-3127

License # \_\_\_\_\_

## BEEKEEPER LICENSE APPLICATION

### FIRST TIME OR RENEWAL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a first time or renewal application?  First time  Renewal

Beekeeper's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

24 Hour Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate 24 Hour Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

24 Hour Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of colonies/hives at the Apiary Address or to be located there (maximum of two) \_\_\_\_\_

***The following is a checklist of requirements to be completed BEFORE a Beekeeper License can be issued:***

- 1. Submit proof of registration of the colonies with the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture Including Apiary Registration number (if this is a First Time Application you must provide this number to the City within 60 days of establishing your hive(s) in the Apiary)
- 2. Pay \$50.00 non-refundable application fee
- 3. Include Plat of Survey indicating size of Apiaries and location on plat
- 4. Review and complete attached Apiaries Check list
- 5. Read attached Instructions for Beekeeping
  
- I have read the rules of Terms & Conditions of the City of Elmhurst Beekeeping License on page 3 of this Form and agree to adhere to them. Bee Code Enforcement may schedule inspection visits or hearings if Complaints are received. The License may be revoked for non-compliance of the rules.

Beekeeper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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Fax: 630-530-3127

### Checklist for Apiaries

- Bees must be of the Apis Mellifera Species.
- Queens and starter nucleus packages should be obtained from reliable, preferably local sources to ensure the bees are suited to the Illinois Climate.
- No more than two colonies are permitted at each licensed person's property. In addition, one temporary nucleus not to exceed the size of one standard deep box are permitted for management of swarms or splits.
- Hives shall be at least ten (10) feet from any lot property line and within setbacks and right-of-ways. Provide plat of survey which indicates where the beehives, apiaries, source of water for the bees and signage are located. Provide dimensions from the property line and other structures for all of the previous items mentioned. Indicate the anticipated flight path of the bees off of your property.
- Flight paths shall not go through other lots. Redirect such flight paths by using appropriate barriers such as fencing, hedges, shrubs etc.
- Hives shall be enclosed by fencing with a secure gate and prominent signage.
- Bees should have access to a convenient water source. The water source shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant.
- If a hive becomes overly aggressive, re-queening should be done immediately.
- Demonstrate or explain your steps to control swarming behavior.
- Demonstrate or explain your steps to control Varroa Mites, Small Hive Beetle, or other transmittable hive diseases.
- Colonies shall be kept in inspectable-type hives with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition. If you are considering any other type of hive than the standard Langstroth or Top-Bar style, please contact the Bee Enforcement for approval.



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[www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org)  
Building Department – 630-530-3030  
Fax: 630-530-3127

### Instructions for Beekeeping License Application

To promote Elmhurst's green and sustainable goals, and to support the backyard beekeeping movement the City of Elmhurst allows beekeeping and apiaries in residential areas.

Beekeeping will be regulated through a Beekeeping License, and will be prohibited without a valid license.

Please follow these instructions to apply for a Beekeeping License. You must provide all of the information requested on the application, and you will be contacted for a site visit.

There is a \$50 annual fee for maintaining a Beekeeping License. Checks should be made out to City of Elmhurst, with Beekeeping License in the subject line.

#### First Time Permit

You must first apply using the provided form. Then meet with the Bee Code Enforcement to review your set up at your Apiary site.

Contact the Bee Code Enforcement (email: [jostein.alvestad@elmhurst.org](mailto:jostein.alvestad@elmhurst.org)) for any questions or when you are ready to schedule an appointment.

If the Apiary is found to comply with all local Laws and Regulations, an annual Beekeeping License will be issued. The license is valid one year from the date of issue.

Beekeeping applications can be e-mailed to [jostein.alvestad@elmhurst.org](mailto:jostein.alvestad@elmhurst.org)

or Mailed to:  
Bee Code Enforcement/Building Department  
209 North York Street  
Elmhurst, IL 60126-2759

#### Renewal Application

Use the provided form, place a checkmark on the line next to "Renewal Application."  
Note any changes or updates to your personal contact information, and any changes to the beekeeping activities.  
Mail or e-mail the completed renewal application the address shown above.  
**You must submit your renewal by March 30 of each year.**

#### Terms and Conditions of License

Licensee must maintain the hives in accordance with State regulations 510 ILCS 20, Title 8, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, Part 60, Bees and Apiaries.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Insects/Bees/Documents/beerules.pdf>

Hive(s) shall be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and each hive must be marked with the IL-registration number.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Insects/Bees/Documents/beekeep.pdf>

Licensee must comply with the City of Elmhurst Bees and Beehives Ordinance Bees and beehives.  
(Add Link to March 2019 Ordinance)

51.29 - Bees and beehives.

(A) **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

1. "Apiary" shall mean a place where bee colonies are kept.
2. "Bee" shall mean any stage of the common domestic honeybee, *Apis Mellifera Species*.
3. "Colony" shall mean a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.
4. "Hive" shall mean a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.

(B) **Annual Licensing.**

Beekeepers shall apply for a City Beekeeping License upon bringing any colony into the City. For bee colonies existing within the City prior to the effective date of this section, beekeepers shall have two (2) weeks from the date this section goes into effect to apply for a City Beekeeping License. Applications shall be submitted to the City of Elmhurst Building Commissioner. At the time of application for a City Beekeeping License, the applicant shall:

1. Submit proof of registration of the colonies with the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture; and
2. Be in compliance with the other requirements of this section;
3. Pay a fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable application fee; and
4. Provide a twenty-four (24) hour telephone number and home address as well as an alternate contact to the City for emergency contact situations.

The City Beekeeping License shall be renewed each year by submitting a renewal application to the City of Elmhurst Building Commissioner no more than two (2) weeks prior to the one (1) year anniversary date of the then current City Beekeeping License. To renew a City Beekeeping License, the applicant shall submit the same documents, comply with the same requirements, and pay the same fee set forth in this subsection (C) and required for the initial City Beekeeping License application, which if not otherwise extended shall be void.

(C) **Compliance with Laws and Regulations.**

1. Bees, beehives and apiaries, shall be maintained in the City pursuant to 510 ILCS 20 *et seq.*, of the Bees and Apiaries Act and Title 8, Chapter I, Subchapter b, Part 60 *et seq.*, of the Illinois Administrative Code.
2. Any bee colonies in the City not in compliance with this Section are prohibited.
3. Any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any swarm of bees, or any colony residing in a standard or homemade hive that, by virtue of its

condition, has obviously been abandoned is hereby declared a nuisance and is prohibited and unlawful.

4. Nuisance: Bees, colonies, or items of bee equipment where bee diseases, bee parasites or exotic strains of bees exist; or hives that cannot be readily inspected; or colonies that are not registered are hereby declared a nuisance and are prohibited and unlawful.

**(D) Hives and Placement.**

1. All bee colonies shall be kept in inspectable-type hives with removable combs, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.
2. Hives shall be placed in a quiet area of the lot and not directly against a neighboring property, and shall be kept as far away as possible from roads, sidewalks and rights of way, but in any and all events shall not be located within any lot setbacks and, if none, then at least ten (10) feet from any lot property line and right-of-way.
3. Flight paths into the hive shall remain within the lot. Barriers, including solid fencing, hedges and shrubs not more than six feet high may be used to redirect the bees' flight pattern.
4. If apiaries, colonies, or hives are maintained on rooftops, then herb, vegetable and flower gardens, whenever feasible, shall be maintained on the rooftop in conjunction with beehives and bee keeping.
5. All hives shall be enclosed by fencing with a secure gate and prominent signage, with a minimum of four (4) inches contrasting letter in form and placement as approved by the City, warning of "Beehive on Premises."
6. A convenient source of water shall be available at all times to the bees so that the bees do not congregate at swimming pools, bibcocks, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact. The water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant.
7. The beekeeping activity, hive, colony or apiary, shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials that might encourage "robbing" are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee proof enclosure.

**(E) Colonies.**

1. Types of Bees:
  - a. Only *Apis Mellifera* bees shall be permitted in hives, colonies or apiaries, in the City of Elmhurst.
  - b. Bi-annual re-queening of hives and re-queening of swarms with certified European stock purchased from reliable local sources, whenever possible, is required and replacement of queens shall be done immediately if the hive becomes difficult to manage. Upon witnessing unusual defensive behavior, the Illinois Department of Agriculture Apiary Inspector shall be consulted.

2. Queens:

- a. A colony's temperament is determined by its queen's characteristics. Any colony exhibiting unusually defensive behavior (stinging or attempting to sting without provocation) or an excessive swarming tendency shall be re-queened as soon as possible.
- b. Each licensed person responsible for the bee keeping activity, hive, colony or apiary, shall evaluate their queens on a regular basis for performance and hive gentleness. Only queens of European origin shall be used.
- c. Queens should only be obtained from the most reliable sources. Local sources, where available, are required in order to reduce the chances of introducing Africanized honeybees and to ensure that the queen is well suited to the climate.

3. Densities:

- a. There shall be no more than two colonies at each licensed person's property and/or at each high school or college. In the event that there are two or more licensed persons operating beekeeping activity on property adjacent to one another, the City reserves the right to revoke a beekeeping license and/or limit beekeeping activity so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare consistent with the provisions of paragraph F of this Section.
  - b. For each two colonies, there may be maintained one nucleus colony in a hive structure not exceeding one standard nine and five-eighths inch depth ten (10) frame hive body with no supers attached as required from time to time for management of swarms. Each such nucleus colony shall be disposed of or combined with an authorized colony within thirty (30) days after the date it is acquired.
4. Swarming: Swarming is a natural honeybee behavior. Two primary causes of swarming are congestion and poor ventilation in the hive. To avoid these conditions, beekeepers shall implement the following:
- a. Brood chamber manipulation.
  - b. Colony division.
  - c. Addition of supers for brood rearing and honey storage.
  - d. Replacement of old or failing queens.

When swarming occurs, efforts shall be made to collect the swarm, in order to prevent or minimize it especially in urban and suburban settings.

**(F) Enforcement and Remedies.**

1. Any person who violates this Section shall, upon conviction from a court of competent jurisdiction, or through the administrative hearing process, be subject to a fine from not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).
2. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed a separate violation.
3. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to suspend for not more than thirty (30) days or revoke the license of any such violator for cause, after a hearing on the merits. The hearing shall be recorded and the City Manager shall within five (5) days after such

hearing file his written report stating the reason or reasons for his determination. Strict rules of evidence shall not apply and any evidence relevant to the existence or non-existence of a violation may be heard. Hearsay is admissible if the type commonly relied on by a reasonable and prudent person in the conduct of their affairs. The decision of the City Manager may be appealed to the circuit court, pursuant to Illinois Statutes. In addition the City Manager may authorize the City Attorney to file an action in the appropriate court to enforce the provisions hereof.

(Ord. No. 17-2016, § 2, 8-15-2016; INSERT)

# Hanover Park

## 14-150. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth in this section. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular, words in the singular number include the plural, and words in the male gender include all genders.

*Apiary* means a place where bee colonies are kept.

*Bee* means any stage of the common domestic honeybee.

*Beekeeping* means the maintenance of honeybee colonies, for any purpose including, but not limited to, the collection of honey and other products that hives produce or as a hobby.

*Colony* means a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen and brood.

*Hive* means a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.

Ord. No. O-19-38, § 3, 11-21-2019)

## 14-151. - Permitted locations.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain any bees or hives used or occupied by bees in the village unless:

- (1) located on village-owned land with a permit from the village, or
- (2) located on private property in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Ord. No. O-19-38, § 3, 11-21-2019)

## 14-152. - Registration, permits and inspections.

- (a) *Registration of colonies and beekeepers.* All bee colonies and beekeepers must be registered with the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture in compliance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act.
- (b) *Village permit required.* A permit from the village is required for any hives located on village-owned property.
- (c) *Inspectable hives.* All bee colonies must be kept in inspectable type hives with removable combs, which must be kept in sound and usable condition.

Ord. No. O-19-38, § 3, 11-21-2019)

## 14-153. - Requirements.

- (a) *Fencing/screening.* All hives located on property not owned by the village shall be screened from neighboring properties by fencing or vegetation at a height no less than six feet. All fencing must be installed in conformance with the regulations of the Village Code.
- (b) *Signage.* Beekeepers shall conspicuously post weatherproof signs at least ten inches by 12 inches on all lot lines facing abutting properties and on the apiary fence or immediately adjacent to vegetative apiary screening with the statement, "State Registered Beehive(s) on Property" or similar language that makes clear that bees are on the premises. The sign must be visible and easily read from outside the property. This requirement shall not apply to apiaries located on village-owned property.
- (c) *Water.* Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is located within ten feet of all beehives and is available at all times to the bees, so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, hose bibs, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic pet contact. The water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant. This requirement shall only apply to the beehive's active months (March through November).
- (d) *Maintenance.* Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials that might encourage robbing are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.



wnership. Each hive shall not exceed five feet in height, nor shall the land area designated for the hives exceed 30 square feet in total. Apiaries located on village-owned property shall not be restricted by the number of hives, nor the total land area.

(f) *Apiary location.* Apiaries located on property not owned by the village may only be located and maintained on properties zoned and occupied for single-family, owner-occupied residences, occupied by the beekeeper.

(1) Apiaries shall be located only in a rear yard.

(2) Apiaries shall be located at least 15 feet from all side and rear property lines, and a minimum of 25 feet from any occupied structure other than that of the owner.

(3) Apiaries shall not be permitted on rooftops or balconies.

Ord. No. O-19-38, § 3, 11-21-2019)

14-154. - Otherwise prohibited.

The keeping by any person of bee colonies in the village and not in compliance with this article is prohibited. Any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned, neglected, or mismanaged by the beekeeper, is unlawful.

Ord. No. O-19-38, § 3, 11-21-2019)

# Lemont

Beehive or apiary in INT, provided that they are located at least 100 feet from all property lines with signage required for apiaries or beehives in locations where the public may occupy	-	P	MUST REGISTER WITH VILLAGE	
Cabanas, provided they are at least 10 feet from all lot lines or equal to the setback of a conforming principal structure, whichever is less. Such accessory structures shall have a maximum height of 15 feet and maximum area of 320 square feet.	-	P	P	P
Children's playhouses and/or treehouses; a maximum of 160 SF with 3' setbacks from all property lines	-	P	P	-
Chimneys, attached, provided they project not more than 2 feet into a yard and at least 3 feet from lot lines	P	P	P	P
Compost bins	-	P	-	-

A) Definitions:

BEE: Any stage of the common domestic honeybee, *Apis mellifera*.

BEEKEEPING: The keeping of one or more colonies of honeybees on one's own property.

COLONY: A hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.

HIVE: A man-made receptacle or container inhabited by a colony of bees.

B) Regulations And Restrictions: Beekeeping shall comply with the following regulations and restrictions:

1. Property: Beekeeping is prohibited on multi-family property.
2. Lot Area: The minimum lot area for beekeeping shall be one-half ( $1/2$ ) acre.
3. Yard Location: Beekeeping is prohibited in all front, side, and street yard areas.
4. Number Of Colonies: Lots having less than two (2) acres of lot area shall not have more than two (2) colonies. Lots having two (2) to ten (10) acres of lot area shall not have more than four (4) colonies. Lots having over ten (10) acres of lot area shall not have more than ten (10) colonies.
5. Setbacks: No colony shall be kept closer than ten feet (10') from any lot line.
6. Fencing Or Flyways: The owner shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least six feet (6') in height consisting of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or combination thereof. The flyway barrier shall be parallel to the property line, located only upon such property line as is closest to the colony, and extend ten feet (10') beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly an elevation of at least six feet (6') above the ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the hive. In instances where more than one hive is kept, a flyway shall be installed and maintained per this flyway barrier requirement shall not apply if the setback between any colony and the closest lot line is twenty five feet (25') or more.
7. General Maintenance: Each owner shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials are left upon the grounds of the property where a hive is maintained. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other beeproof enclosure.
8. Queens: In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation, or exhibits an unusual disposition toward swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to requeen the colony. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and nonswarming characteristics.
9. Noncommercial Use: No commercial use or retail sales of bees, honey, honeycomb or other bee products or beekeeping products shall be permitted from any residential property.
10. Water: Each beekeeper shall ensure a convenient source of water is available to the bees at all times during the year so the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, pet watering bowls, dog baths, or other water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact.
11. Registration: The beekeeper must register the colonies and maintain valid registration with the Illinois Department of Agriculture or as otherwise required by the State of Illinois.
12. Compliance: All beekeepers shall be in compliance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act, including, but not limited to having all hives accessible for State inspectors to check on a routine basis per their practice and schedule or as needed.
13. Permit Required: Beekeeping shall require a permit from the Village. (Ord. 2018-4801, 12-17-2018)

Lisle

1. Definitions: As used in this Section, the following words and terms are hereby defined as follows:

APIARY:	The assembly of one or more colonies of bees at a single location.
BEES:	Any life stage of the common domestic honey bee, <i>Apis Mellifera Species</i> .
BEEKEEPER:	The person who owns or has charge of one or more colonies of bees.
COLONY:	An aggregate of bees consisting of workers, and at times a queen, drones, brood, combs and honey.
HIVE:	The human-made receptacle inhabited by a colony of bees.

2. Location:

- 2.1. Bee keeping of domestic honeybees is allowed in all zoning districts except R2, R3, R3A, R4 and R5. The keeping of non-domestic bees is prohibited.
- 2.2. Hives may not be located in the front yard.
- 2.3. Hives must be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any property line.
- 2.4. Hives must be a minimum of ten (10) feet away from any sidewalk or publicly designated path, and if possible kept out of sight.

3. Limits:

- 3.1. The maximum number of hives that may be located on a property is limited as follows:
  - 3.1.1. Three (3) hives for all lots less than one-quarter (1/4) of an acre.
  - 3.1.2. Six (6) hives for all lots from one-quarter (1/4) acre to one-half (1/2) acre.
  - 3.1.3. Ten (10) hives for all lots greater than one-half (1/2) acre.

4. Registration:

- 4.1. All colonies must be registered with the State of Illinois, who inspects and regulates the colonies.
- 4.2. Hives must be accessible for the State inspectors to check on a routine basis based on their practice and schedule.

5. Amortization Clause: Any apiary lawfully established prior to the date of the adoption of this Section shall be permitted to continue operating in accordance with provisions of law and the Municipal Code related to nonconforming uses for a six-month period expiring April 30, 2017. Upon completion of the amortization period, all apiaries shall operate in compliance with the provisions of Section 10-4-7.

6. Violations:

- 6.1. Violations of this Section of the Municipal Code shall result in a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each and every day such violation continues.



**VILLA PARK**  
ILLINOIS

## Apiary Registration

Bees may be kept in apiaries in accordance with the regulations of this section.

### A. Permits

Before erecting or placing an apiary, an applicant must provide written notice to all abutting property owners and obtain a permit from the community development department. Apiary permits must be renewed annually.

### B. Registration

Apiaries must be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Proof of registration must be submitted to the community development director.

### C. Siting


Apiaries are allowed only in the rear yard.

### D. Setbacks

Apiaries must be set back at least ten (10) feet from all lot lines and at least 10 feet from the principal structure.

### E. Number

A maximum of two (2) hives are allowed per lot in R districts. A maximum of six (6) hives are allowed per lot in all other zoning districts.

Welcome to The Garden Village  
 how can I help?

Beekeepers must requeen colonies that exhibit unusually aggressive behavior, such as stinging or swarming, and ensure that an on-site water source is available within twenty-five (25) feet of the apiary during the months of March through November.

#### G. Maintenance

Apiaries must be maintained so as not to become a nuisance. Colonies must be maintained in moveable-frame hives with adequate spacing and management techniques to avoid overcrowding and swarming.

#### H. Screening

Apiaries must be screened to provide a flyway barrier. Such screening shall be at least six (6) feet in height and consist of a solid fence, vegetative barrier, or combination of such materials. The entrance to the apiary must include a latched gate that must remain closed at all times that a beekeeper is not present.

#### I. Sales

On-site retail sales activities are prohibited unless retail sales is permitted in the subject zoning district.

## APPLICATIONS

You can fill out the application online by visiting: <https://forms.invillapark.com/forms/apiaryapplication>

The credentials for the application are:

**Username-** public@villaparkvillage.com

**Password-** public

Please use the link below to view the apiary license application and to see the guidelines for apiaries in the Village of Villa Park.

[Apiary Application \(PDF\)](#)



**VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK**  
**APIARY REGISTRATION APPLICATION**  
 Community Development Department  
 11 W. Home Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181  
 P: 630-834-8505 Fax: 630-834-8509  
 Email: [pboksha@invillapark.com](mailto:pboksha@invillapark.com)

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/PIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Department of Agriculture Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where apiary will be located (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Plat of Survey / Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Location of apiaries and hives, including setbacks
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of hives and apiaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Screening Details, including type and height
<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of written notice to all abutting property owners	

**READ AND INITIAL EACH STATEMENT BELOW**

Permit approval is required prior to erecting or placing an apiary.	
Written notice to all abutting property owners is required.	
Registration with the Illinois Department of Agriculture and proof of registration is required.	
Apiaries will be located in the rear yard, a minimum of ten feet (10') from lot lines and from the principal structure on the lot.	
Maximum of two (2) hives per residential lot. A maximum of six (6) hives are allowed per lot in all other zoning districts.	
Screening to provide a flyway barrier, at least six (6) feet in height, and a latched gate to remain closed at all times that a beekeeper is not present.	
I have read and will comply with all applicable Villa Park Municipal Code regulations on the keeping of bees, and will comply with all applicable regulations, including local and state.	

I, owner of the property listed above, agree to assume responsibility for any legal issues associated with the apiary on my property and am familiar with the attached regulations. I hereby certify this submittal is in conformance with all regulations for bees/apiaries.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved/Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_





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**APIARY REGULATIONS**  
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Bees may be kept in apiaries in accordance with the regulations of this section.

**A. Permits**

Before erecting or placing an apiary, an applicant must provide written notice to all abutting property owners and obtain a permit from the community development director. Apiary permits must be renewed annually.

**B. Registration**

Apiaries must be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Proof of registration must be submitted to the community development director.

**C. Siting**

Apiaries are allowed only in the rear yard.

**D. Setbacks**

Apiaries must be set back at least ten (10) feet from all lot lines and at least of 10 feet from the principal structure on the lot.

**E. Number**

A maximum of two (2) hives are allowed per lot in R districts. A maximum of six (6) hives are allowed per lot in all other zoning districts.

**F. Safety**

Beekeepers must requeen colonies that exhibit unusually aggressive behavior, such as stinging or swarming, and ensure that an on-site water source is available within twenty-five (25) feet of the apiary during the months of March through November.

**G. Maintenance**

Apiaries must be maintained so as not to become a nuisance. Colonies must be maintained in movable-frame hives with adequate spacing and management techniques to avoid overcrowding and swarming.

**H. Screening**

Apiaries must be screened to provide a flyway barrier. Such screening shall be at least six (6) feet in height and consist of a solid fence, vegetative barrier, or combination of such materials. The entrance to the apiary must include a latched gate that must remain closed at all times that a beekeeper is not present.

**I. Sales**

On-site retail sales activities are prohibited unless retail sales is permitted in the subject zoning district.

Westmont

- (a) Hives shall be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
- (b) *Yard location.* Beekeeping shall occur only in rear yards of single family or commercial property, or on roofs of commercial properties. Beekeeping shall not occur on multi-family property. A regularly cleaned and emptied water source should be located near the hive.
- (c) *Number of colonies.* No more than two colonies per 1/3 acre of property.
- (d) *Setbacks.* No colony shall be kept closer than 15 feet from any lot line.

rd. No. 15-024, § 3, 2-5-2015; Ord. No. 17-147, § 1, 9-28-2017)



**LakeCounty**  
 Central Permit Facility  
 500 W. Winchester Road Unit #101  
 Libertyville, IL 60048-1331  
 PHONE: (847) 377-2600  
 FAX: (847) 984-5854

**Registration Form - Beekeeping**

Use this registration form to establish beehives and beekeeping practices on residential properties that meet the requirements of Chapter 151 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances (LCCO). Lake County reserves the right to inspect any improvement performed whether permitted or registered.

Please sign and complete the information below and return this form to the Central Permit Facility. These documents and a non-refundable registration fee must be submitted to the Central Permit Facility in order to register your project. A fee schedule can be found at [lakecountyil.gov/3678/Fee-Schedule](http://lakecountyil.gov/3678/Fee-Schedule). **CONSTRUCTION CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM THIS OFFICE THAT YOUR REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.** **NOTE: By signing below you agree to comply with the requirements of the LCCO Section: "Beekeeping and Apiaries" 151.113(R)**

(Please complete the form and sign, see reverse for conditions)

PIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Proposed Project *(Include a sketch showing the number and location of hives, including distance from property line and occupied buildings, signage, fencing and/or flyway barriers on property):*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lot Size (sq. ft.): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Start Date of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Authorized Name: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Authorized Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

- Floodplain     Floodway     Wetland     30' from Water's Edge     Drainage Easement
- Utility Easement     Recorded Access Easement     Deed Restricted Open Space

Application #: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By:     Cash     Check #: \_\_\_\_\_     Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION COMPLETE** (You may now proceed with your project. Please save a copy of this completed Registration Form for your records)

**BEEKEEPING AND APIARIES**

**Homeowner Association Covenants**

- Before proceeding with registration, each applicant should determine whether his or her property is subject to homeowner’s association covenants, conditions, or restrictions and whether such restrictions would allow beekeeping.

● **Zoning**

- Honeybees are allowed in the Agricultural, Rural Estate, Estate, R1, R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts
- Hives may not be located in floodways, drainage easements, deed restricted open space, recorded access easements, or unbuilt rights-of-way

● **Number of Hives**

Minimum Lot Size	Maximum Number of Hives Allowed
Up to 10,000 square feet	2 hives and 2 nucleus hives
For each additional 10,000 square feet	1 hive and 1 nucleus hive per additional increment
200,000 square feet	No limit, if AG exempt

● **Hive Setbacks to Property Lines**

- Minimum 10 feet from property lines
- Minimum 30 feet from any adjoining road right-of-way, alley, or access easement

● **Hive Setbacks to Neighboring Structures**

- Minimum 30 feet away from existing fixed structures on any adjoining parcel (not including storage structures such as garages or sheds)

● **On Lots less than 40,000 square feet**

- Hives must be either enclosed behind a minimum four-foot high fence, hedge, or wall, or be identified with appropriate signage, reasonably visible from the apiary
- If the beehive entrance is oriented to an exterior property line, a six-foot high flyway barrier (in accordance with the Lake County Code) must be located between the hive entrance and the property line.

● **Water Supply**

- A supply of water must be continuously available and located closer than water sources on any adjoining parcel

Per the Illinois Department of Agriculture, hives shall be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture and actively maintained in accordance with 510 ILCS 20/1 et seq. the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act. See <http://www.agr.state.il.us/programs/bees/beekeep.pdf> for more information.

# McHenry County

## 16.56.050 ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AND USE STANDARDS.

### C. *Apiaries (Non-Agriculture Exempt).*

1. In compliance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act (510 ILCS 201/), every person keeping bees shall register with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

2. All bee colonies shall be kept in a removable frame hive, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

3. Where any colony is situated within twenty-five (25) feet of a property line, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, the beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height consisting of a dense vegetation, fence, solid wall, or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line and extends ten (10) feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six (6) feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.

4. Each beekeeper shall provide that a convenient source of water is available to the bees at all times during the year.

5. In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusual aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits an unusual disposition toward swarming, the beekeeper must promptly re-queen the colony.

## EXHIBIT A

### Chapter 15

#### NUISANCES AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

### Amendments

#### Sec. 15-1. Definitions:

APIARY: The assembly of one or more colonies of bees at a single location.

BEE: Any life stage of the common domestic honey bee, Apis Mellifera Species.

BEEKEEPER: The person who owns or has charge of one or more colonies of bees.

COLONY: An aggregate of bees consisting of workers, and at times a queen, drones, brood, combs and honey.

HIVE: The man-made receptacle inhabited by a colony of bees.

HIVE, PERMANENT: The man-made receptacle inhabited by a colony of bees permitted on a parcel year-round.

HIVE, TEMPORARY: The man-made receptacle for swarm control permitted on a parcel for no more than one sixty (60) day period per year.

#### D. Animals And Infestations:

##### 6. To keep bees in any manner not in compliance with the following:

The keeping of non-domestic bees is prohibited. Hives may not be located in the front yard. Hives must be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any property line. Hives must be a minimum of ten (10) feet away from any sidewalk or publicly designated path. Parcel must have an adequate water source on site for the number of hives. All colonies must be registered with the State of Illinois, who inspects and regulates the colonies, and be kept in compliance with State rules and regulations. Hives must be accessible for the State inspectors to check on a routine basis based on their practice and schedule. The maximum number of permanent hives and temporary hives for swarm control for not more than a 60 day time period per year that may be located on a parcel is limited as follows:

Less than one-quarter (1/4) of an acre - Two (2) permanent hives and up to two (2) additional temporary hives

1/4 - 1/2 acre - Four (4) permanent hives and up to six (6) additional temporary hives

1/2- 3/4 Acre - Eight (8) permanent hives and up to ten (10) additional temporary hives

3/4 - 1 Acre - Twelve (12) permanent hives and up to sixteen (16) additional temporary

1-1.5 Acre – Sixteen (16) permanent hives and up to twenty-five (25) additional temporary hives

1.5 – 2 Acres – Twenty (20) permanent hives and up to thirty (30) additional temporary hives

2-2.5 Acres – Twenty-five (25) permanent hives and up to thirty (30) additional temporary hives

2.5 -3.5 Acres – Thirty (30) permanent hives and up to forty (40) additional temporary hives

3.5 - 5 Acres – Forty (40) permanent hives and up to fifty (50) additional temporary hives

No limit for all parcels five acres or greater

**15-3: EXEMPTIONS:**

A. The terms and provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any parcel which is both zoned and primarily used for any agricultural purpose. For the purposes of beekeeping, residentially used parcels under five (5) acres and located within residential neighborhoods and/or adjacent to residential uses shall not be exempt.



STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF KANE

ORDINANCE NO.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE KANE COUNTY CODE, NUISANCES AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, the County of Kane ("County") has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government affairs and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kane has adopted ordinances from time to time related to nuisances and dangerous and unsafe structures and such ordinances are located in a number of chapters in the Kane County Code; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kane desires to amend the existing Chapter 15 in order to more clearly define and include certain nuisances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of the County of Kane as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2. Adoption of amendments to Chapter 15, Nuisances and Property Maintenance.** Chapter 15 of the Kane County Code shall be amended as identified in Exhibit A attached hereto.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** The effective date for this ordinance shall be March 8, 2022.

Passed by the Kane County Board on March 8, 2022.

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John A. Cunningham  
Clerk, County Board  
Kane County, Illinois

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Corinne M. Pierog MA, MBA  
Chairman, County Board  
Kane County, Illinois

Vote:

22-03 Ordinance Beekeeping

## Apiculture/beekeeping.

(a) General regulations. All beekeeping activities shall comply with the following:

1. State registration. The beekeeper must register the colonies and maintain valid registration with the Illinois Department of Agriculture or as otherwise required by the State of Illinois.

2. Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act. All beekeepers shall be in compliance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act, including, but not limited to having all hives accessible for state inspectors to check on a routine basis on their practice and schedule or as needed.

3. Fences. Any fencing used for beekeeping shall comply with § 155-14.90 Fences and Walls.

4. Water. Each beekeeper shall ensure a convenient source of water is available to the bees at all times during the year so the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, pet watering bowls, birdbaths, or other water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact.

5. General maintenance. Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials might encourage robbing, are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.

6. Maximum size for a single hive shall exceed 20 cubic feet in size.

7. Setbacks.

a. Where there is a wall, lattice or solid fence, dense hedge or bushes, or similar barrier between the subject property and adjacent property, no setback from the property line is required. Where there is no existing barrier between the two properties, hives shall be set back at least five feet from the property line.

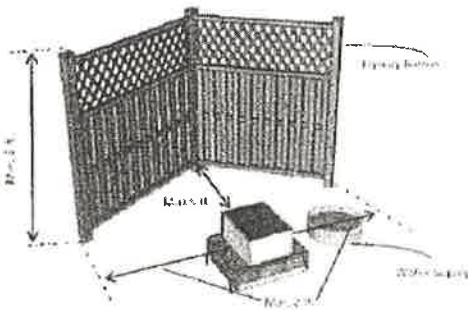
b. No hive shall be closer than ten feet from a dedicated road, sidewalk, or path.

8. Flyway barriers. Any hive within 20 feet from the principle building of an abutting lot or from a dedicated road, sidewalk, or path, shall have a flyway barrier consisting of:

a. A lattice or solid fence, wall, or dense hedge or bushes at least six feet in height in front of the hive openings such that the bees fly upward and away from neighboring properties or dedicated roads, sidewalks or paths. An existing barrier described previously in this section may be acceptable.

b. Set no more than five feet from the hive openings.

c. Extend at least two feet in width from either side of the hive opening.



#### Illustrative Example of Flyway Barrier.

Flyway barrier may also be straight or curved along with V-shaped

(b) A-1, C-6, and SP-PO districts.

1. The keeping of bees is allowed as of right in the A-1, C-6, and SP-PO zoning districts.

2. There is no zoning-based limit on the number of hives that may be kept in the A-1, C-6, and SP-PO zoning districts.

3. Hives may be located within all yards (front, side, and rear) in the A-1, C-6, and SP-PO zoning districts.

(c) A-2, E-1, and E-2 districts.

1. The keeping of bees is allowed as of right in the A-2, E-1 and E-2 districts.

2. The limit on the number of hives that may be kept in the A-2, E-1 and E-2 zoning districts is two hives per every one-half acre of lot area or fraction thereof. There is no minimum lot size requirement.

3. Hives may be located within all yards (front, side, and rear) in the A-2, E-1 and E-2 zoning districts.

(d) R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-4, and R-5 districts.

1. The keeping of bees is allowed as of right in the R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-4, and R-5 zoning districts.

2. The limit on the number of hives that may be kept in the R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-4, and R-5 zoning districts is two hives per every one acre of lot area or fraction thereof with a minimum zoning lot size of at least 22,000 square feet.

3. Hives may be located within all yards (front, side, and rear) in the R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-4, and R-5 zoning districts.

(e) R-6 District - The keeping of bees is prohibited in the R-6 zoning district.

(f) All other zoning districts.

1. The keeping of bees may be approved as a special use in all other districts not listed above (see the special use procedures of § 155-16.40).

2. The limit on the number of hives that may be kept in all other zoning districts is two hives per every one acre of lot area or fraction thereof with a minimum zoning lot size of at least 22,000 square feet.

3. Hives may be located in any yard or on the roof top in all other zoning districts.