



RESIDENTIAL BEE KEEPING REGISTRATION

Circle one: **New Application** OR **Renewal**

PROPERTY OWNER

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone #

Email:

APPLICANT (IF APPLICABLE)

Name(s):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone #:

Email:

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

In the box provided please provide a site plan that indicate the location of any bee structures on your property. Indicate distances to any existing structures and the property lines.

Please be aware that:

- The hive shall not exceed eight (8) square feet.
- All structures shall be in the rear of the property and the structure shall be located at least 15 feet from all abutting property lines.
- A flyaway barrier at least 6 ft in height is required. (indicate on site plan)
- The entrance/exit shall be oriented away from the closest property.

4-22-08 KEEPING OF BEES

4-22-08-01 PURPOSE

The purpose of these regulations is to permit limited small animal husbandry uses within residential environments to promote access to fresh food and the associated health benefits as well as encourage sustainability through reduced vehicle trips for food and energy consumption associated with food production. The regulations below are intended to permit beekeeping for household purposes, and not for a profit, while preventing negative impacts associated with this use.

4-22-08-02 APPLICABILITY

The keeping of bees is only allowed as an accessory use with any detached, single family residential use, excluding mobile homes. Other accessory uses, such as accessory dwelling units, are also allowed to keep bees so long as the cumulative number of colonies on the property does not exceed the total allowance for the single-family residential use.

4-22-08-03 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

4-22-08-03-01 ALLOWED NUMBER OF BEE COLONIES

1. No more than two (2) bee colonies are permitted per detached, single family residential use in residential, commercial and industrial zone districts as determined by Table 4-22-01-1. Animal Densities and Uses.
2. Two (2) bee colonies shall equal one (1) household pet.

4-22-08-03-02 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1. **Type:** Bee colonies must be provided with a predator-resistant structure, or hive, that is properly ventilated and elevated from the ground and designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained.
2. **Size:** The hive shall not exceed eight (8) square feet.
3. **Number:** One (1) colony per hive. A maximum of two (2) hives are allowed, as applicable.
4. **Location:** Bee keeping structures shall be located in the rear or backyard of the lot. They shall not be located between the rear of the dwelling and the front yard lot line.
5. **Orientation:** The entrance/exit of the structure shall be oriented away from the closest adjacent property line(s).
6. **Access:** All bee colonies shall be kept in inspectable hives with removable combs.
7. **Setbacks:** The structure shall be setback at least fifteen (15) feet from any abutting property line.
8. **Flyway Barriers:**
 - a. A flyway barrier constructed at least six (6) feet in height around the structure consisting of a fence or vegetation. This barrier must be designed so that the bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six (6) feet above the ground level over the property line.
 - b. Fences shall comply with the provisions of Section 4-07-01-02-02 (Residential Use Fencing, Walls, and Screening) of this Code.

4-22-08-03-03 PROVISION OF FOOD, WATER, AND SANITATION

1. **Water:** Fresh water must be available at all times in adequate receptacles in order to prevent swarming near water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic pet interactions.
2. **Cleanliness:** The shelter and surrounding area must be kept clean from colony-produced materials, such as honey, honeycomb and brood comb, and debris so as to not create a nuisance.

4-22-08-03-04 NUISANCE PREVENTION

1. **Nuisance-Free Facilities as Prerequisite:** A permit to keep bees within the County shall not be granted unless the owner or keeper provides facilities which will reasonably assure the Director that the premises will be maintained in a sanitary condition, free from colony-produced materials, such as honeycomb and brood comb, or any other conditions which constitute a public nuisance.
2. **Removal of Materials from the Colony:** Any materials removed from the colony shall be immediately moved away from the colony and enclosed in a bee and predator-proof location that is inaccessible to bees or their predators.
3. **Prohibited Attributes:**
 - a. Aggressive or africanized bees are not permitted. Africanized, hybrid bee species, *Apis mellifera scutellata*, or bees displaying abnormally aggressive behavior are not permitted.
 - b. Aggressive queens are not permitted. Aggressive queens shall be removed, and the colony shall be re-queened with a non-aggressive species.
 - c. Bees not residing in a structure are not permitted. Bee colonies living outside of a designated colony structure as determined by these regulations are not permitted.

4-22-08-04 PERMITTING (ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF USE)

4-22-08-04-01 REQUIREMENTS

Any person keeping bees pursuant to this Section must first have been issued a permit by the County.

1. Permitting is subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The application shall include a plan or drawing showing the proposed locations of all bee facilities to be located upon the property for which the permit is requested.
 - b. Such plan or drawing shall include details demonstrating the applicant's compliance with the requirements of this Section.
 - c. No outstanding code violations exist on the subject property.
2. Prior to the issuance of a permit, the County may inspect the parcel for which the permit is requested.
3. A permit issued pursuant to this Section shall allow the keeping of bees on the specific property identified in the permit. The permit shall be personal to the permittee and is non-transferrable.
4. A permit issued pursuant to this section shall be in effect for twelve (12) months after which the permit will expire unless the permittee reapplies.

4-22-08-04-02 DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT

1. The County may deny or revoke a permit to keep, maintain or possess bees within the County if it is determined that any provision of this Section is being violated or if the County finds that maintenance of bees interferes with the reasonable and comfortable use and enjoyment of property.
2. Removal of Colony: Upon expiration, revocation or denial of a permit, all bees and bee keeping-related facilities shall be removed from the property within 14 days of such expiration, revocation or denial.

4-22-09 TABULATION OF ANIMAL UNIT DENSITIES

The types and densities of animals allowed in each zone district are detailed in Table 4-22-01-1. Any combination of allowed animals may be kept, but at no time shall the maximum number of any specific type of animal be exceeded, nor shall the total maximum number of household pets or the total maximum number of livestock be exceeded. Where allowed, the number of livestock is in addition to the number of household pets permitted, and the number of household pets is in addition to the number of livestock permitted.

For animals not listed or not clearly fitting within one (1) or more the categories listed, the Director of Community and Economic Development shall determine in what zone district(s) the animal is allowed and in what lot size categories the keeping of such an animal is appropriate. Should the property owner disagree with the determination of the Director of Community and Economic Development, the matter shall be referred to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to resolve the issue.

The following are acronyms used in Table 4-22-01-1 and their meaning:

NR = Not Regulated

NA = Not Allowed

AC = Acre

CUP = Conditional Use Permit

***I hereby certify that by signing this document, I have read and understand the regulations regarding Residential Bee Keeping. Upon expiration, revocation, or denial of a permit, all bee structures shall be removed from the property within 14 days of such expiration, revocation or denial. ***

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