

# *Apiary ordinance*

## Definitions

1. "Apiary" shall mean a place where bee colonies are kept.
  2. "Bee" shall mean any stage of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis Mellifera Species*.
  3. "Beekeeper" means a person who keeps bees.
  4. "Beekeeping" means the raising or producing of bees, beeswax, honey, and by-products and the transporting of bees, colonies, or items of bee equipment. "Colony" shall mean a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.
  5. "Hive" shall mean a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.
- Hive: all bees kept in an Illinois Department of Agriculture Apiary approved inspectible type hive w/ removable combs and kept in sound and usable condition
  - Licensing: Beekeepers shall apply for Village Beekeeping license upon bringing any colony into the Village limits. Any prior existing bee colonies have (2) weeks from effective date of this section to apply for license.

For the Village license, the beekeeper shall submit:

1. Proof of registration with the state of Illinois Dept. of Agriculture; and
2. Be in compliance with other requirements of this section; and
3. Provide a drawing on a plat of survey of the residence requesting the permit showing placement of the apiary in relation to property lines, distance from neighbors and permanent structures.
4. Pay a non-refundable application fee of \$20.00, and

The Village Beekeeping License shall be renewed every year by submitting a renewal application and showing proof of annual renewal of state registration AND inspection from the Dept. of Ag. Renewal shall be submitted no more than (2) weeks prior to the (1) year anniversary date of the then current license. Renewal is free of charge.

- **Location:** Apiaries are to be located in the rear yards only. The setback must be minimum of 15 feet from the property line
- **Signage:** All hives shall have prominent signage warning of the presence of hives located at the sight of the apiary.
- **Water:** Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of fresh water is available at all times to the bees (within 50 feet of the hive area) to deter bees from congregating at swimming pools, bibcocks, dog and bird bowls, or other domestic water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact. Water shall be maintained so as to not become stagnant.
- **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. In any instance where a colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due cause, or exhibits disposition towards swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to re-queen the colony. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics Colony
- **Density:** in Residential and Estate zoned areas, for every acre of land, 4 hives can be kept with a limit of 20 hives. Minimum lot size for apiaries begins at 1 acre.
- **Prohibited:** The keeping of bee colonies by any person in the Village not in compliance with this section is prohibited. Any bee colony not registered in a hive structure intended for bee keeping

or any swarm of bees or colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the keeper is unlawful. The keeping of any other nest or colony of stinging insects such as yellow jackets, hornets, other varieties of bees including Vespidae, in trees, buildings, underground or in any other space, diseased colonies of honey bees, or any colony of honey bee not maintained in compliance of this ordinance constitutes as public nuisance. The existence of a nest of wild bees of any type not cultivated by any person and whose honey is not harvested by any person shall not constitute a violation of this ordinance.

- **Violation/Fine:** Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not more than five hundred (\$500.00) for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each and every day such violation continues.

In the event a person is found guilty of a violation, that person's permit to own, keep or harbor or have custody of bees shall be mandatorily revoked, and no new permit shall be issued to that person for a minimum of one (1) year.

Include: permit application/registration

Check list

Permit to H.O. once approved

Conditions for the Residential Keeping of Bees in the Village of Lily Lake:

- ❖ All persons keeping bees in the Village of Lily Lake must have a minimum of an acre lot
- ❖ For each acre of land, 4 hives are permitted with a limit of 20
- ❖ Classes in beekeeping are strongly recommended before obtaining a license, for the protection of other residents and for your investment!
- ❖ Apiary areas are to be kept clean with prominent signs warning of bee activity.
- ❖ Annual inspections and renewal of licenses need to be documented with the Village
- ❖ Penalties and fines may apply if provisions are not followed
- ❖ Accessory structure requirements apply if a structure for the apiary is desired.
- ❖ There is a \$20.00 one-time-fee for the Village Beekeeping License



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## **Beekeeping Registration Form**

Village of Lily Lake License # \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Department of Ag Div of Natural Resources Reg# \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party of the Bees (name): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Address Where the Apiary will be kept: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the Property Owner? \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, list Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to keep bees on above property (signature of property owner)

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Site plan submitted: \_\_\_Y / N\_\_\_

Building Permit # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_