



BEEKEEPING LICENSE APPLICATION

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I/We, the undersigned, hereby make application for license under and by virtue of the Ordinances of the Village of Riverside for beekeeping on private property.

New License (requires adjacent property owners' notification)

License Renewal

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Apiary Address: _____ City: **Riverside** State: **IL** Zip Code: **60546**

Tax Index #: _____ Zoning: _____

Property Owner(s): _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email Address: _____

Illinois Department of Agriculture Registration Number: _____

Number of Proposed Hives (2 permitted): _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

- A) A statement that all colonies shall be actively maintained in accordance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act, 510 ILCS 20/1 *et seq.*, shall be duly registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and that licensees shall reasonably treat hives for varroa mites;
- B) Proof of liability insurance that does not exclude coverage for beekeeping activities;
- C) A plat of survey showing the proposed location of the hives and associated structures, including the fresh water supply, flyways, etc. as set forth in sections 6-2-10 (E, F & G), on the applicant's property; and
- D) A nonrefundable license fee in the amount of one hundred (\$100) dollars and the associated required building permit fee, if applicable.
- E) The license shall be granted on an annual basis and presumptively renewed at a cost of twenty-five (\$25) dollars per conditions set forth in section 6-2-10(D)3. **Please note this is a pilot program and may not be renewed by the Village Board after the first year.**

ALL BEEKEEPING WILL BE INSPECTED RELATIVE TO BUILDING AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CODES

I/We hereby certify that all of the information contained in this application for a Beekeeping License is true and correct, that I/we am/are authorized to sign this document of behalf of this property owner; further that any false penalties provided for by law. I/We further state that we understand all of the ordinances of the Village of Riverside or the laws of the State of Illinois or of the United States of America in the conduct of the place of beekeeping described herein.

NOTE: This is an application for a beekeeping license and it is understood that an apiary cannot be kept until a license is issued by the Village Clerk of the Village of Riverside, Illinois.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

I/we hereby certify that all colonies will be actively maintained in accordance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act, 510 ILCS 20/1 *et seq.*, will be duly registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and that I/we shall reasonably treat hives for varroa mites.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE

Received: _____

Reviewed: _____

Inspection: _____

Issued: _____

6-2-10: BEEKEEPING:

(A) Definitions: As used in this section the following terms, unless the context otherwise requires, are defined as follows:

APIARY: A place where bee colonies are kept.

BEE: Any stage of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis mellifera* species, and specifically excluding any hybrid of the subspecies *Apis mellifera scutellata*.

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

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

(B) Hives: All colonies shall be kept in Langstroth-type hives with removable frames and kept in sound and usable condition.

(C) License and Permit Required: No person shall keep bees within the village without first obtaining a license issued by the village. No hive or structure associated with an apiary may be erected before obtaining a license and/or building permit as provided for herein.

(D) License and Permit Process:

1. Applicants for a beekeeping license and/or associated building permit must submit the following to the community development director:

(a) A completed application on forms provided by the village, including a statement that all colonies shall be actively maintained in accordance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act, 510 ILCS 20/1 *et seq.*, shall be duly registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and that licensees shall reasonably treat hives for varroa mites;

(b) Proof of liability insurance that does not exclude coverage for beekeeping activities;

(c) A plat of survey showing the proposed location of the hives and associated structures, including the fresh water supply as set forth in section 6-2-10(G), on the applicant's property; and

(d) A nonrefundable license fee in the amount of one hundred (100) dollars and the associated required building permit fee, if applicable.

2. Prior to issuing a beekeeping license, the village shall notify all adjacent landowners, except landowners that are municipalities or utilities, of the application

for a beekeeping license. A beekeeping license and any associated building permit shall not be transferable or run with the land and shall terminate and become invalid upon the licensee no longer occupying the property for which the license and permit were issued, or upon termination of the pilot project as set forth in section 6-2-10(Q).

3. Beekeeping licenses shall be granted on an annual basis. If the village receives no violations regarding the licensee's beekeeping, and the pilot project set forth in section 6-2-10(Q) is continued or extended, the license will be presumptively renewed upon a showing by licensee that all colonies are registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and of proof of liability insurance that does not exclude coverage for beekeeping activities, at a cost of twenty-five (25) dollars.

4. During the first year, the keeping of bees shall be approved on a trial basis only as part of a pilot project as set forth in section 6-2-10(Q). The village will begin accepting applications for a license for beekeeping and any associated building permit beginning January 1, 2017. In the event applications for such a license and permit received by the village between January 1, 2017 and January 15, 2017, exceed fifteen (15) in number a lottery will be used to determine the order such applications will be considered by the village.

(E) Number, Location and Height of Hives:

1. An apiary shall consist of no more than two (2) hives.

2. An apiary shall be permitted only on lots with single-family detached dwellings. An apiary shall be located only in a rear yard. All hives shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from all property lines of any adjacent parcel, and shall not be visible from a street.

3. The maximum height of a hive and any associated stand or other appurtenances shall not be greater than five (5) feet.

(F) Flyways: A hive shall be placed on property so the general flight pattern of bees is in a direction that will deter bee contact with humans and domesticated animals. For each hive where the hive entrance is oriented to an exterior property line the licensee shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height consisting of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation 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 all property lines in the vicinity of the hive. This flyway barrier requirement shall not apply if the setback between any colony and the closest property line is fifty (50) feet or more.

(G) Water: Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available at all times to the bees so long as colonies remain active outside the hive so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, faucets, 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.

(H) Maintenance: Each licensee shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials that might encourage robbing by wildlife or domestic animals 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.

(I) 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 towards swarming, it shall be the duty of the licensee to re-queen the colony. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics.

(J) Record Keeping: Each licensee shall keep records providing at least the following information: dates of installation and inspections; brood pattern and health; whether queen was observed; visibility of sealed queen cells; honey and pollen stores; whether a super is ready to be added or removed; behavior and temperament of bees, including any evidence of crowding and/or swarm impulse; presence of disease or pests; and interventions or actions by beekeeper. Such beekeeping records shall be made available to village officials upon request.

(K) Prohibited:

1. The keeping by any person of bee colonies in the village not in compliance with this section is prohibited.
2. Any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any swarm of bees, or any colony residing in a hive which, by virtue of its condition, has been abandoned by the beekeeper, is unlawful.
3. Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this article, it shall be unlawful for any licensee to keep any colony or colonies in such a manner or of such disposition as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or property of others.
4. No commercial use or retail sales of bees, honey, honeycomb, or other bee products or beekeeping products shall be permitted from any apiary located on residential property.

(L) Right of Entry for Enforcement: Village officials shall be empowered to enter upon any premises where bees are kept, or where there is reason to believe that bees are kept, to enforce the provisions of this section.

(M) Suspension, Revocation, Nonrenewal; One Year Wait for New License:

1. Whenever a licensee violates or fails to act in conformity with the provisions of this section or any other provisions set forth elsewhere in this code, the beekeeping license may be suspended or revoked, or the village may refuse to renew the license, following notice and a hearing before the village manager, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 3-1-5 of this code.
2. If a license to engage in beekeeping is revoked for any cause, no license shall be granted to the same licensee for beekeeping for a period of one year from the date of revocation.

(N) Summary Suspension: Where the community development director presents to the village manager sufficient evidence demonstrating probable cause to believe that the licensee has violated the provisions of this section or state or federal law, and that said violation will immediately threaten the public health, safety or welfare, the community development director may, upon the issuance of a written order stating the reason for such conclusion, and without prior notice or hearing, order the permitted structure for beekeeping closed and the beekeeping license summarily suspended pending a hearing and a determination on suspension or revocation. The licensee shall be provided a copy of the order and a notice of violation. A hearing shall be commenced not more than ten (10) days following the entry of such an order, unless the licensee shall agree to a longer period of time. The procedure for such a hearing or any appeal with respect thereto shall be as provided by section 3-1-5 of this code.

(O) Removal of Structures: All structures associated with an aviary shall be removed within sixty (60) days upon a licensee no longer keeping bees, upon a licensee no longer occupying the property for which a beekeeping license was issued, or upon a beekeeping license having been revoked.

(P) Number of Licenses and Permits to be Issued: The number of beekeeping licenses within the village at any one time shall not exceed fifteen (15) in number.

(Q) Pilot Project: The adoption of this section on beekeeping is being done on an experimental basis as a pilot project, and no person who is granted a license or associated building permit for beekeeping shall have any property interest, vested right, or other protectable interest in the continuation of such license or permit. The village manager is directed to submit a report to the village board prior to December 31, 2017, informing the village board on the village's experience with beekeeping. If the village board thereafter decides to no longer allow beekeeping, all licensees shall have sixty (60) days to remove all bees and structures associated with an apiary from their property.