



208 NW 1st Avenue, Faribault MN 55021

## BEEKEEPING APPLICATION & PERMIT FORM - \$25

Section 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Applicant Name			Today's Date
Phone		Alternate Phone	
Address		City	State
Zip			
Email			
Section 2: Property Information			
Zoning:		Lot Size (acres):	
Number of colonies/hives:			
Colonies/Hives Permitted			
<b>Three-fourths <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> acre or smaller lot: 4 colonies</b>	<b>Larger than three-fourths (<math>\frac{3}{4}</math>) acre lot but smaller than five (5) acre lot: 8 colonies</b>	<b>Larger than five (5) acre lot: no restriction</b>	
Name of Land Owner:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Address of Property (if different):			
Section 3: Supporting Documentation			
<p>The following documents <b><u>MUST</u></b> be submitted along with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A certificate of completion from a honey bee keeping course from the University of Minnesota, Century College, or Three Rivers Park District. Applicants requesting consideration from another institution or instructor shall provide documentation regarding such course.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Site survey of property showing location of each hive.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fee of \$25 for each such application/renewal to the City of Faribault.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">* Colonies must be kept in the rear yard and not within ten (10) feet of any property line.</p>			
Section 4: Notice			
<p>I have familiarized myself with the attached Ordinance Section 7-30 Development Standards Beekeeping as it pertains to beekeeping and subsequent ordinances amendments pertaining thereto, and will abide by the provisions contained there.</p> <p>I hereby consent to inspection of the premises as provided by the City of Faribault Ordinance Section 7-30 and understand that all facts set forth in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Failure to meet the standards described in the Ordinances may result in the revocation of this permit.</p> <p>Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____</p> <p>Signature of Land Owner (if Different than Applicant): _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Complete and submit the form with required attachments to: City of Faribault            Planning &amp; Zoning            208 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, NW            Faribault, MN 55021</p>			

**For office use only**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ -

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the submitted application and find it to be in compliance with the ordinance.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date for follow-up on annual renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

APPENDIX B UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

**Beekeeping.**

**(1) A permit is required for the keeping of honey bees.**

- (a) The applicant shall be the person who will be responsible for the bees. If the applicant shall keep bees on a property that he or she does not own, the property owner shall be required to sign the application.
  - (b) For each property on which honey bees will be kept, the applicant shall complete an application, pay the required application fee, and provide a site plan or property survey showing the location of hives in relation to any neighboring residences, property lines, sidewalks, alleys, and rights-of-way and how the apiary or property will be visually screened from adjacent property and public areas.
  - (c) The applicant shall provide the certificate of completion from a honey bee keeping course from the University of Minnesota, Century College, or Three Rivers Park District. Applicants requesting consideration of a comparable course from another institution or instructor shall provide documentation regarding such course.
  - (d) All initial permits shall expire on December 31 of the following year after their issuance unless sooner revoked. Renewal permits shall expire on December 31 of the second year following their issuance unless sooner revoked. An application for a renewal permit shall be filed with the City by November 30 of the year the permit expires.
  - (e) The City shall have the right to inspect any apiary at any reasonable time for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this ordinance.
  - (f) Any and all permits of a beekeeper may be terminated or not renewed for violation of these regulations following notice to the permit holder and an opportunity for an appeal in accordance with the process outlined in Chapter 2, Article 4 of the Unified Development Regulations.
  - (g) If, as a result of the hearing process, it is determined that the bees must be removed, the City shall give thirty (30) days for such removal. If the order for removal has not been complied with, the City may remove or destroy the bees and charge the beekeeper with the cost thereof. Removal or destruction of bees shall be in consultation with the University of Minnesota Bee Lab or similar organization. As a result of the order for removal, the beekeeper shall not be allowed to have a permit for beekeeping for a period of two (2) years on any property within the City.
  - (h) A permit issued to a person whose premises is subject to private restrictions and/or covenants that prohibit the keeping of bees is void. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restrictions is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.
- (2) Honey Bee colonies meeting the requirements of the UDC may be kept only on detached single-family residential property, licensed institutional properties (i.e. schools), or properties within the O or TUD districts. Each lot may not have more than the following number of colonies based on its area:
- a. Three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) acre or smaller lot ..... 4 colonies
  - b. Larger than three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) acre lot but smaller than five (5) acre lot ..... 8 colonies
  - c. Larger than five (5) acre lot ..... no restriction
- (3) If the beekeeper serves the community by removing a swarm or swarms of honey bees from locations where they are not desired, the beekeeper shall not be considered in violation the portion of this ordinance limiting the number of colonies if he temporarily houses the swarm on an apiary lot in compliance with the standards of practice set out in this ordinance for no more than thirty (30) days from the date acquired.

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- (4) Honey bee colonies may be kept in langstroth, warre, or top-bar hives as long as the comb is removable for inspection. All hives shall be kept in a sound and useable condition. All hives shall clearly identify the permit holders name, contact information, and address on which the hive is kept.
- (5) No person shall establish or maintain any hive or keep any bees in the front yard of a property or within ten (10) feet of any property line, sidewalk, alley, other public right-of-way measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line.
- (6) Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available within ten (10) feet of each of the colonies so long as colonies remain active outside of the hive.
- (7) Each apiary shall be visually screened from adjacent properties and public right-of-way and if closer than twenty-five (25) feet from a lot line shall include a flyway of not less than five (5) feet in height as approved by the Planning Division Staff. This may be achieved through a combination of buildings, fencing, or vegetation. Additional screening may be required at the discretion of the Planning and Zoning Division based on the specific site characteristics.
- (8) Each beekeeper shall ensure that no wax comb or other material that might encourage robbing by other bees are left upon the grounds of the apiary lot. Such materials once removed from the site shall be handled and stored in sealed containers, or placed within a building or other insect-proof container.
- (9) For each colony permitted to be maintained under this ordinance, there may also be maintained upon the same apiary lot, one (1) nucleus colony in hive structure not to exceed one (1) standard 9 5/8 inch depth 10-frame hive body with no supers.
- (10) Each beekeeper shall maintain his beekeeping equipment in good condition, including keeping the hives painted if they have been painted but are peeling or flaking, and securing unused equipment from weather, potential theft or vandalism, and occupancy by swarms. It shall not be a defense to this ordinance that a beekeeper's unused equipment attracted a swarm and that the beekeeper is not intentionally keeping bees.