

RESIDENTIAL – APPLICATION FOR BEEKEEPING LICENSE

Return to:

City of Shoreview
4600 North Victoria Street
Shoreview, MN 55126
(651) 490-4680

Site Identification:

Address: _____

Applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____ (daytime) _____ (home)

Fax Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Property Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

By submitting this, the applicant stipulates they have read and will comply with the performance standards set forth in Section 601.020 (E) of the Shoreview Code of Ordinances pertaining to the keeping of bees in residential areas, and that the applicant understands that issuance of a License for Beekeeping is for hobby purposes only and does not authorize any activity that constitutes a home occupation or commercial use.

Signatures:

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Property Owner: _____ Date: _____

Date Received by City: _____ By Whom: _____

FILING REQUIREMENTS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

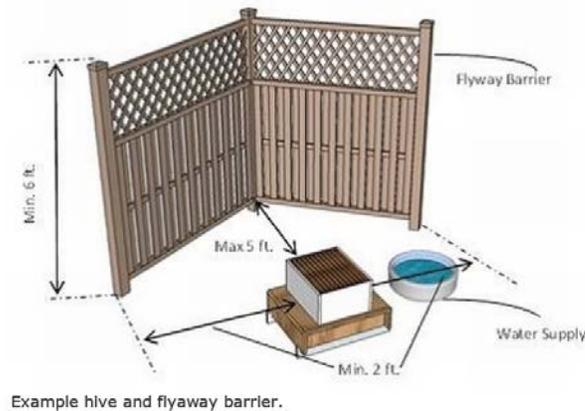
1. A filing fee of \$30.00.
2. Site plan drawn to scale that show:
 - a. The gross site area, property dimensions and all structures
 - b. The location and dimensions of any existing or proposed hive bodies used to house the bee colony and the setbacks from the existing property lines and nearest residential structure not on the applicant's property.
 - c. The location of the water source
 - d. The location of any necessary flyway barrier, including materials, if a hive body is proposed less than 25 feet from a property line.
3. A written statement that includes:
 1. A description of the number of bee colonies to be kept on the premises.
 2. A stipulation that the applicant has read and will comply with the performance standards set forth in Section 601.020 (E) of the Shoreview Code of Ordinances pertaining to the keeping of bees in residential areas.
 3. A stipulation that the applicant understands that issuance of a License for Beekeeping is for hobby purposes only and does not authorize any activity that constitutes a home occupation or commercial use.
4. A certificate of completion from a honeybee keeping course from the University of Minnesota, Century College or the Three Rivers Park District – or documentation for having completed a comparable course from another institution or instructor.

Note that the installation of fencing for flyway barrier may require a building permit.

Section 601.020(E) Beekeeping

- (1) Bee hives may be kept in the City limits on residential properties located in the RE, Residential Estate Zoning District and the R1, Detached Residential District, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Maximum Colony Density based on property size:
 - 1 acre or larger: 8
 - 1 acre – ¾ Acre: 6
 - ¾ Acre to ½ Acre: 4
 - ½ acre or less: 2

- (b) Honeybee colonies shall be kept in hive bodies with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition. The hive body structure shall not exceed one standard 9-5/8 inch depth 10-frame hive body with no supers. In no case shall it exceed 6 feet in height.
- (c) The hive body must be removed within 30 days if no longer occupied by a colony. It shall be a violation of this section for unused equipment to attract a swarm, even if the beekeeper is not intentionally keeping honey bees.
- (d) Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available within 10 feet of the hive body at all times that the colonies remain active outside of the hive body.
- (e) Each beekeeper shall ensure that no wax comb or other material that might encourage robbing by other bees are left exposed outdoors. Such materials must be stored in sealed insect-proof containers, or place within a building.
- (f) No selling of honey permitted within an approved home occupation permit.
- (g) Hive bodies must be set back at least 15 feet from all property lines and at least 25 feet from a principal dwelling unit on an abutting lot. A Hive body may not be located in a front yard or a side yard abutting a street.
- (h) A 6 foot tall flyway barrier is required in each instance where a hive body is kept less than 25 feet from a property line, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line. The flyway barrier may consist of a wall, fence, or a combination there of, such that bees will fly over rather than through the material to reach the colony.



- (2) License. No person shall keep or maintain beehives on property located within the City of Shoreview unless a license is obtained pursuant to the provisions stated herein. Application shall be made on a form provided by the City Manager. The City Council shall from time to time set a fee by ordinance for the initial license and the biennial renewals.
- (3) License requirements. Prior to issuance of a license the applicant shall complete a honeybee keeper training course. Proof of completion shall be provided as follows:

- i) Providing a certification of completion from a honeybee keeping course from the University of Minnesota, Century College or the Three Rivers Park District.
 - ii) Requesting consideration and submit documentation for having completed a comparable course from another institution or instructor.
- (4) Inspection. The City Manager will conduct an inspection of the property to determine compliance with the license and ordinance standards.
- (5) License Fee. The license fee must be submitted with the application. The fee will be established by City Council ordinance.
- (6) Duration of License. A license shall be issued for a period of two years.
- (7) Issuance of License. Upon completion of the application form, certification of training and receipt of the license fee, the City Manager shall cause a license to be issued to the applicant.
- (8) Notice. The City Manager shall provide written notification to property owners within 150 feet of the subject property upon issuance of the license. Failure to give a mailed notice or defects in the notice shall not invalidate the review process provided that a bona fide attempt has been made to contact the property owners.
- (9) Change of Address. An applicant who has obtained a license shall notify the City Manager of the applicant's address changes within the corporate limits of the City within ten (10) days of an address change.