



REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING AND RAISING OF HONEY BEES

A. Honey Bees Permit Requirements:

1. Located on single-family residential properties.
2. Residents seeking approval to keep and raise honeybees shall submit an application, application fee and site plan. New permits require a public hearing (notices will be mailed to all property owners with 350 feet of applicant's property) and approval by the City Council.
3. Applicants shall provide proof of applicable training or provide a waiver indicating how required experience has been obtained.
4. Hives shall only be located in rear yards and be set back at least ten (10) feet from the property lines and subject home, and at least twenty-five (25) feet from any public trail or walkway. No more than four (4) hives shall be permitted. Hive openings shall face in toward subject property's backyard.
5. Licenses are valid indefinitely so long as the hives are operated continuously. License may be revoked or denied by the City Council based on negligence or nuisance. In such event, the property owner shall be provided with an opportunity to be heard. Licenses shall expire upon lapse in use for a period exceeding two years or upon a transfer of property ownership.

B. Additional Requirements:

1. A clean water source shall be provided on the property.
2. A beekeeper may receive a temporary allowance for an additional hive in the event a swarm is collected and until a new home is found for the colony. In no event shall temporary allowance exceed six (6) months.
3. Equipment shall be maintained in good condition in accordance with accepted best management practices. Unused beekeeping equipment shall be properly disposed of or stored indoors.

Questions about Applications? Please contact Assistant City Administrator Desaree Crane at 763-717-4016 or by email at desareec@ci.mounds-view.mn.us.