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BEEKEEPING PERMIT

Purpose: The purpose of the beekeeping regulations is to allow beekeeping in a manner that is respectful of the safety of persons that may be in close proximity to the apiary. Beekeeping can contribute to pollination and better harvests in gardens. By contributing to pollination, urban beekeeping is an important complement to urban food production and to the City's Sustainability goals.

Questions regarding the application process can be addressed to the Animal Control Officer, Benicia Police Department at (707) 745-3412.

Procedure: The permittee shall submit an application for a beekeeping permit to the Police Department at 200 East L Street. (1) The permittee shall submit plans indicating the location of the apiary(ies) and a signed statement showing and agreeing to compliance with all obligations imposed by Section 6.33.030 and holding the City harmless if said owner does not so comply. (3) If the applicant wishes to receive notification of pesticide applications, register the Apiary with the County of Solano Agricultural Commissioner, pursuant to Section 29101 of the California Food & Agricultural Code.

APIARY REGISTRATION

Applicant (Permittee): _____

Address: _____

Telephone & Email: _____

Contact Name (if different from applicant): _____

Contact Telephone & Email: _____

Number of Beehives on property: _____

BEEKEEPING STANDARDS (BMC Section 6.34.030)

A. No more than the maximum number of colonies of bees as shown in Table 1 shall be maintained on any property, lot or parcel of land.

Table 1. Maximum number of bee colonies in relation to lot size

Lot/Acreage	Number of Colonies
Up to ¼ acre (1/4 acre = 10,890 sq. ft.)	3 colonies
More than ¼ acre, less than ½ acre (1/2 acre = 21,780)	5 colonies
More than ½ acre, less than 1 acre (1 acre= 21,780 sq. ft.)	7 colonies
1 acre or more	10 colonies per acre maximum

B. All apiaries shall be located in the rear yard and shall be at least 10 feet from the rear and side property lines.

C. The Permittee shall also register the apiaries with the Solano County Agriculture Commissioner as required by Food and Agriculture Code section 29040.

D. It shall be the duty of the Permittee owning, controlling or maintaining an apiary to maintain bees in a condition that will reasonably prevent swarming and aggressive behavior.

E. It shall be the responsibility of the Permittee to provide adequate water for the bees to prevent bees from seeking water in neighborhood swimming pools, birdbaths, ponds or other community bodies of water.

F. Apiaries shall consist of moveable comb hives in sound and useable condition. Failure to properly maintain or to abandon apiaries shall be cause for revocation of the permit, abatement or other enforcement proceedings.

G. Apiaries shall be situated behind screening that is six feet in height and that such screening, barriers, fencing and establishment of flyways be designed to direct the flight paths of bees away from neighbors and the public.

Initials

Please sketch or attach a Site Plan of the location of the proposed apiary(ies) on the parcel.

In the event the City is required to take legal action to enforce any of the terms of this permit application, Applicant and Property Owner agree to pay to City reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in such action.

We, the owner and the applicant, will defend, indemnify and hold the City, its agents, officers, and employees harmless from any claim, action or proceeding to attack, set aside, void or annul an approval of the City concerning the project, as long as the City promptly notifies the applicant of any such claim, action or proceedings and the City cooperates fully in the defense.

We, the owner and the applicant, hereby verify under penalty of perjury that all adjacent owners and tenants of record adjoining the site, as shown on the last equalized property tax assessment roll have been informed of the intent to conduct beekeeping on the subject property.

Date: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Property Owner's Signature: _____
