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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE: _____

PERMIT #: _____

PERMIT APPLICATION
KEEPING OF HONEYBEES

PERMIT PERIOD APRIL 1ST TO MARCH 31ST

Expiration and Renewal: Beekeeping Permits shall be valid for one year. The Initial Beekeeping Permits are subject to a non-refundable one hundred and twenty five dollar (\$125.00) permit fee.

Beekeeping Permits expire on March 31st of each calendar year. Beekeepers must submit their renewal application at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the expiration date. A renewal permit is subject to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) permit renewal fee

Name:			
Address:		E-Mail:	
Phone Numbers:	Work:	Home:	Cell:

NEW PERMIT \$125.00	RENEWAL PERMIT \$50.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEE THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTS FOR REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS.• A SITE PLAN ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY IS REQUIRED.	<p>CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No changes have been made to the hive(s) and flyway barrier location.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Changes have been made to the hive(s) and flyway barrier location. **A NEW SITE PLAN IS REQUIRED**</p>

I HEREBY STATE THAT ALL INFORMATION HERE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SKOKIE AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND THEIR AMENDMENTS.

Beekeeper Mailing Name and Address if different from Permit Address:

Name:
Address:

Signature of Applicant



VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, ILLINOIS

REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING OF HONEYBEES PERMIT

RETURN THIS SIGNED & DATED WITH APPLICATION

OBTAINING A PERMIT TO KEEP HONEYBEES

- (A) At the time of application for a Beekeeping Permit, the applicant shall:
1. Submit a scaled site plan of the proposed Apiary showing placement of the Beehive(s), the flyway barrier and fences and compliance with all applicable requirements (example below);
 2. Provide a Certificate of Insurance from property owner's homeowner's insurance company verifying that Beekeeping is covered by the insurance policy or separate policy covering the property where the Apiary will be located;
 3. Provide a certificate of completion or similar documentation, from a Beekeeping training course provided by an entity approved by the Village of Skokie. Beekeepers are required to stay current and demonstrate their knowledge of Colony health and management;
 4. Submit written consent from all neighbors, whether owners or tenants, on residential property that abuts the proposed location, in a form provided by the Village of Skokie. Notification is not required for renewals.
 5. Submit a properly executed hold harmless agreement between the applicant, (if the location of the Apiary is owned by a 3rd party, then the property owner as well) and the Village, waiving any liability for any loss or injury resulting from the design, construction or operation of the Apiary, in lieu of any zoning or building permits that may be associated with the construction of an Apiary;
 6. Pay a One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollar (\$125.00) nonrefundable initial permit fee; and
 7. Provide written consent of the property owner, if the Apiary will be located on residential property not owned by the applicant. The property owner will be required to sign the application as well.
- (B) State Registration. Beekeeper must, within 30 days of installation of a Colony into a Beehive, register the Beehive(s) with the Illinois Department of Agriculture or as otherwise required by the State of Illinois. State Registration must be maintained for the life of the Beehive.

KEEPING OF HONEYBEES

Inspections: By signing an application for a Beekeeping Permit, the applicant (and the residential property owner whereon the Beehive is located) authorizes the Village Manager or designee to enter onto that part of the property which contains the Beehive or Apiary for the limited purpose of inspecting the Colony and Apiary for compliance with this Article. Two inspections will be conducted each year by the Skokie Health Department as well as other inspections as may be needed. Beekeepers must have their Beehives inspected by the State of Illinois Apiary Inspector at least every other year and keep the report on file or sent to the Village of Skokie.

Location: Apiaries may only be located and maintained in residential districts with detached residences.

- Apiaries shall be located only in a rear yard at least sixty (60) feet from a front lot line.
- Apiaries shall be located at least six (6) feet from a side property line.
- Apiaries shall be located at least fifteen (15) feet from a property line that abuts a street right-of-way.
- Apiaries shall be located at least five (5) feet from a rear lot line that does not abut an alley.
- Two Apiary sites may not exist within six hundred (600) feet of each other.
- Apiaries and Beehives shall not be permitted on rooftops or balconies.
- Beekeepers shall not keep more than five (5) Colonies in their Apiary on any property.

Signage: Beekeepers shall conspicuously post a weatherproof sign at least ten (10) inches by one (1) foot on all lot lines facing abutting properties and on the Beehive or Apiary fence outside of the latched gate with the statement, "State Registered Beehive(s) on Property" or similar language that makes clear that bees are on the premises. The sign must be visible and easily read from outside the property

Hive: All Honeybee Colonies shall be kept in Langstroth Type Beehives with removable combs, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

Aggressive behavior: In any instance in which a Colony exhibits Overly Aggressive behavior by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation, or exhibits an unusual disposition towards Swarming, it shall be the duty of the Beekeeper to immediately contact the State Apiary Inspector or the Skokie Department of Health

Beekeepers shall keep all Beekeeping equipment in good condition and secure unused equipment from weather, potential theft, vandalism or occupancy by migratory Colonies.

- Components: Beekeepers shall ensure that no bee comb, wax or other materials are left upon the grounds of the Beehive or Apiary site. Beekeepers shall promptly store or dispose of any bee comb, wax or other materials which have been removed from the Beehive in a sealed container or within a building or other bee proof enclosure.
- Water: Beekeepers shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available within ten (10) feet of the Beehive at all times during the Beehive's active months, March through November. The water source must be maintained in a secure receptacle so as not to create a breeding site for mosquitoes.
- Colony Maintenance: Beekeepers shall maintain their Colony or Colonies so as not to become a nuisance. Colonies must be monitored at least twice a month from March 1st to November 30th.

Fencing and flyways:

- Fencing: The Apiary shall be enclosed on all sides by a fence five (5) feet in height and shall be at least three (3) feet from the Beehive on all sides. Fencing shall be constructed of a minimum nine (9) gauge woven mesh corrosion resistant material or a solid material. The fence posts shall be constructed of decay and corrosion resistant material set in concrete. The entrance to the Apiary shall have a gate with a locked latch at least four (4) feet from the ground, which shall be closed at all times when the Beekeeper is not present.
- Flyways: Each Beehive entrance must have a flyway barrier which directs the Honeybees upwards as they exit the Beehive. The distance between the Beehive entrance and flyway barrier shall be no more than ten (10) feet. The flyway barrier may be part of the fence surrounding the Apiary, but must be (6) feet in height and four (4) feet wide and constructed of a solid material that bees cannot fly through

Nontransferability:

A Beekeeping Permit shall not be assigned or transferred to any other person, or to any other location. No refund shall be granted for any unexpired period of a Beekeeping Permit.

Revocation

The Village Manager is given the authority to revoke the Beekeeping Permit if the Village Manager finds:

- The Beekeeper has not complied with applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, laws, policies or rules and regulations.
- The Beekeeper has made fraudulent, false or misrepresentative statements in the permit application.
- The Beekeeper owes the Village fees, outstanding fines or penalties.

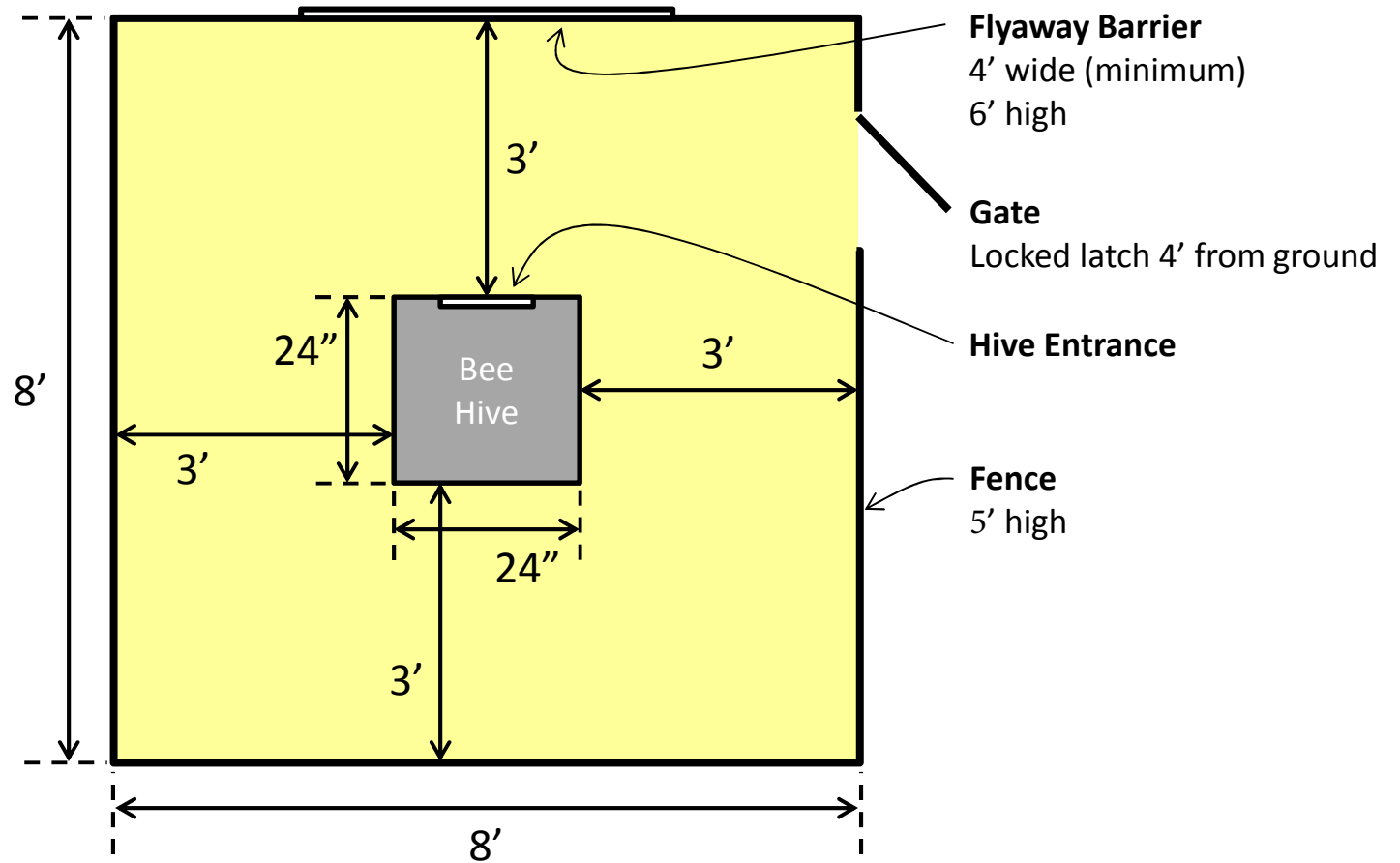
I hereby affirm and under penalty of perjury, understand the aforementioned terms and conditions of obtaining a permit to keep honeybees and that any false statements and failure to comply with the terms and conditions can and will be grounds for revocation of the keeping of honeybees permit.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Village of Skokie - Apiary Illustrations

Apiary Basic Design and Dimensions



Typical Layout of Apiaries

On Lots with a Detached Residence

