

Registration Form - Beekeeping

Use this registration form to establish beehives and beekeeping practices on residential properties that meet the requirements of Chapter 151 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances (LCCO). Lake County reserves the right to inspect any improvement performed whether permitted or registered.

Please sign and complete the information below and return this form to the Central Permit Facility. These documents and a non-refundable registration fee must be submitted to the Central Permit Facility in order to register your project. A fee schedule can be found at lakecountyil.gov/3678/Fee-Schedule. **CONSTRUCTION CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM THIS OFFICE THAT YOUR REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.** **NOTE: By signing below you agree to comply with the requirements of the LCCO Section: "Beekeeping and Apiaries" [151.113\(P\)](#)**

(Please complete the form and sign, see reverse for conditions)

PIN: _____ **Address of Property:** _____

Owner address (if different from above): _____

Owner Name: _____ **Owner Phone Number:** _____

Owner Fax Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Brief Description of Proposed Project (*Include a sketch showing the number and location of hives, including distance from property line and occupied buildings, signage, fencing and/or flyway barriers on property*):

Lot Size (sq. ft.): _____

Expected Start Date of Operation: _____ **Cost of Project:** _____

Owner/Authorized Name: (Print) _____ **Phone #:** _____

Owner/Authorized Agent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

- Floodplain
 Floodway
 Wetland
 30' from Water's Edge
 Drainage Easement
 Utility Easement
 Recorded Access Easement
 Deed Restricted Open Space

Application #: _____ **Completed By:** _____ **Date:** _____

Paid By: Cash Check #: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Comments: _____

REGISTRATION COMPLETE (You may now proceed with your project. Please save a copy of this completed Registration Form for your records)

BEEKEEPING AND APIARIES

Homeowner Association Covenants

- Before proceeding with registration, each applicant should determine whether his or her property is subject to homeowner's association covenants, conditions, or restrictions and whether such restrictions would allow beekeeping.

• Zoning

- Honeybees are allowed in the Agricultural, Rural Estate, Estate, R1, R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts
- Hives may not be located in floodways, drainage easements, deed restricted open space, recorded access easements, or unbuilt rights-of-way

• Number of Hives

Minimum Lot Size	Maximum Number of Hives Allowed
Up to 10,000 square feet	2 hives and 2 nucleus hives
For each additional 10,000 square feet	1 hive and 1 nucleus hive per additional increment
200,000 square feet	No limit, if AG exempt

• Hive Setbacks to Property Lines

- Minimum 10 feet from property lines
- Minimum 30 feet from any adjoining road right-of-way, alley, or access easement

• Hive Setbacks to Neighboring Structures

- Minimum 30 feet away from existing fixed structures on any adjoining parcel (not including storage structures such as garages or sheds)

• On Lots less than 40,000 square feet

- Hives must be either enclosed behind a minimum four-foot high fence, hedge, or wall, or be identified with appropriate signage, reasonably visible from the apiary
- If the beehive entrance is oriented to an exterior property line, a six-foot high flyway barrier (in accordance with the Lake County Code) must be located between the hive entrance and the property line.

• Water Supply

- A supply of water must be continuously available and located closer than water sources on any adjoining parcel

Per the Illinois Department of Agriculture, hives shall be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture and actively maintained in accordance with 510 ILCS 20/1 et seq. the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act. See <http://www.agr.state.il.us/programs/bees/beekeep.pdf> for more information.