

Beekeeping in Elk River



In 2018, the City Council passed an ordinance allowing the keeping of honeybees with an approved permit. Section [30-803](#) (f)

Requirements

- The number of colonies allowed is based on the size of the property. Residential lots between one and five acres shall be permitted six colonies. There is no limit to the number of colonies for residentially zoned parcels five acres and above.
- Any hive on the property must be setback:
 - 35' from the front property line
 - 20' from side and rear property lines
 - 30' from public right-of-way, trail easements, and adjacent dwelling units
- If a hive is located closer than 25 feet to a property line, a six foot tall flyway barrier is required
- The property owner/beekeeper applying for the registration must have attended a beekeeping course from an accredited Minnesota institution

Public notification

The City will notify all residents living within 350 feet of the property line of a proposed apiary (beekeeping) site when an application is received.

The beekeeping permit must be denied if the city receives a written objection from a resident living within the designated notification area that includes medical documentation by a licensed physician of an allergy to honeybee venom.

Registration period

Registrations are valid from April 1 through the following March 31 and must be renewed each year.

Apply for an apiary permit

Submit a completed beekeeping permit application with the following:

- The property owner/beekeepers information
- A property & apiary diagram of the property
- A copy of the certificate of completion of a beekeeping course from an accredited Minnesota institution
- A one-time registration fee of \$75.00



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Beekeeping Permit Application

Property Owner/Beekeeper Information

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fee

\$75.00 fee – (Initial Registration Only) The yearly registration period is April 1 – March 31.

Course

The beekeeper must submit a certificate of completion of a honeybee keeping course from an accredited institution

Property & Apiary Diagram

Property & Apiary Diagram required to be drawn on Page 3.

Please check each box, sign, and date indicating that you have read and agree with the following:

- I have read and understand city code Section [30-803](#) (the Animals ordinance) and will comply with all requirements of this ordinance.
- I have completed a honeybee keeping course and supplied a copy of the certificate of completion of a beekeeping course from an accredited Minnesota institution to the City.
- I understand the City of Elk River will notify all property owners within 350 feet of the property line of my apiary site and if a written objection is received within fourteen days of notification, my application must be denied due to medically documented allergy to honeybee venom.
- I understand my apiary will be subject to an inspection upon initial registration, annually for renewal, with any update to my registration and/or if a complaint is received.
- I understand and agree that I may not engage in the practice of beekeeping within the City of Elk River until I have received notification that my apiary registration has been approved.
- I understand that my apiary locations are public information and that exhibits showing all apiary locations are available to the public.

I hereby certify that I have furnished information on this application, which is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I also certify that I am the owner or authorized agent for the above mentioned property and that all construction will conform to all existing state and local laws and will proceed in accordance with submitted plans. I am aware that I may be issued a citation for any and all temporary signs that do not meet the city ordinance. I am aware that this permit can be revoked for just cause. Furthermore, I hereby agree that the City Official or designee may enter upon the property to perform needed inspections.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

City Use Only

Zoning District: _____ Lot Size: _____

Date Property Owner Notifications Sent: _____ Objections Received: Yes No

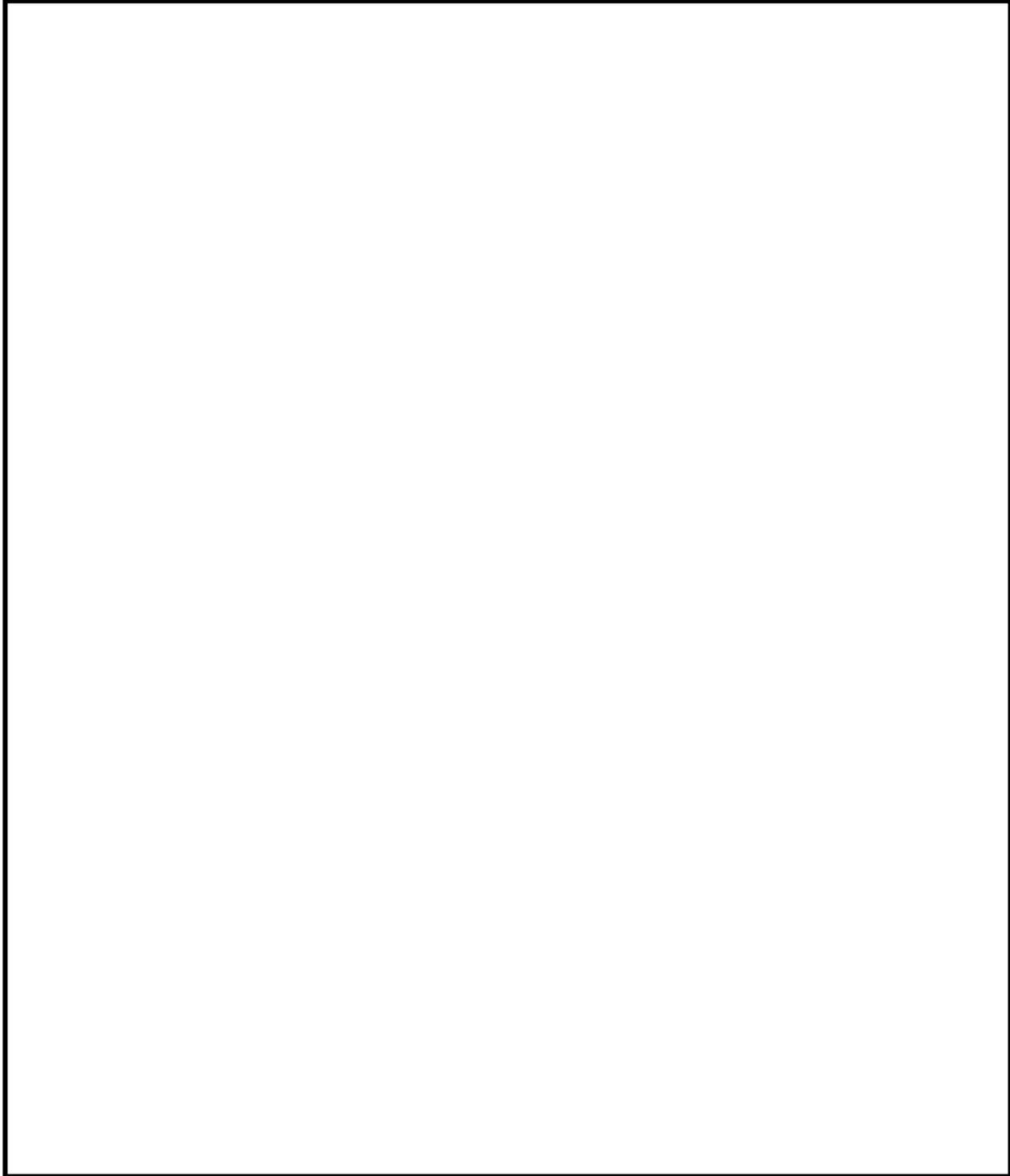
Site Inspection Date: _____ Passed Failed

Planning Department Approval: _____ Date: _____

Maximum Number of Colonies/Hives Allowed: _____

Property & Apiary Diagram

Please supply a sketch of your property and apiaries. The sketch must include a north arrow, the location of your house, accessory structures, property lines, all honeybee colonies, the required water source, and the location of any required flyway barriers. Please indicate how many feet each item is setback from the property lines.



Planning Department Approval: _____ Date: _____