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Registration Form - Beekeeping

This registration form should be used to establish that proposed beehives and beekeeping practices on residential properties meet the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). This process is designed to maximize customer convenience. Lake County reserves the right to inspect any improvement performed whether permitted or registered.

Please complete the information below, attach a sketch site plan, and sign and send this form to the Central Permit Facility, Attention: CEP Staff, at the above address along with a check for \$31, payable to the "Lake County Treasurer" as a non-refundable registration fee. **UPON SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF THIS FORM, YOUR PROJECT WILL BE REGISTERED. 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 UDO Section: "Beekeeping and Apiaries" [151.113\(P\)](#)

(Please complete 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 (Attach a sketch of the number and location of hives, 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:

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**

- Honey bees are allowed in the Agricultural, Rural Estate, Estate, R1, R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts

- **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 <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Insects/Bees/Pages/default.aspx> for more information.