



APPLICATION FOR APIARY REGISTRATION

BEEKEEPER INFORMATION

Previously registered? Yes: _____ No: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State/ Zip Code: _____

Primary telephone: _____

Alternate telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of colonies: _____

Check applicable:

_____ I no longer have bees in Irvington

Beekeeping credentials / education:

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Article II of Chapter 83 of the Village Code.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTN: Village Clerk / Treasurer
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Chapter 83. Animals and Insects

Article II. Beekeeping

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§ 83-4. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BEEES

All life stages of the domestic honey bee.

COLONY

A hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen and brood.

HIVE or BEEHIVE

The receptacle inhabited by a bee colony that is manufactured for that purpose.

§ 83-5. Number of bee colonies.

- A. On lots smaller than 40,000 square feet, no more than two bee colonies shall be permitted. On lots 40,000 square feet or greater, no more than four bee colonies shall be permitted.
- B. Regardless of lot size, where all hives are situated at least 200 feet in any direction from all property lines of the lot on which the hives are situated, there shall be no limit to the number of colonies.

§ 83-6. Location of hives.

- A. No hive may be located within the required front yard setback, including the two front yard setbacks of a corner lot.
- B. Hives shall be located at least 25 feet from any property line.
- C. The entrance to any hive must face away from the property line closest to the hive.

§ 83-7. Maintenance of hives.

- A. All bee colonies shall be kept in movable frame hives with adequate space maintained in the hives to prevent overcrowding and swarming.
- B. Hives shall be maintained at all times in sound and usable condition.

§ 83-8. Water supply.

An adequate supply of fresh water shall be maintained in a location on the lot that is readily available to all bee colonies on the lot throughout the day.

§ 83-9. Duties of beekeeper.

It shall be the duty of every beekeeper: (1) to be educated in and strictly adhere to best management practices; (2) to maintain bees, bee colonies and hives in a location and condition that will prevent diseases, abandonment of the hive by the bee colony, and swarming, and will discourage the potential for aggressive behavior and other nuisance behaviors, including but not limited to those defined in this article; and (3) to be able to respond immediately to control bee swarms and to remediate any nuisance conditions.

§ 83-10. Registration and notification.

- A. All beehives shall be registered annually with the Village on forms provided or approved by the Village; the purposes of such registration being to maintain a record of the number and location of each bee colony, to obtain the most current contact and credential/education information in connection with each beekeeper and to obtain a certification from each beekeeper acknowledging receipt of a copy of this article and the most current rules and regulations that may be promulgated pursuant to this article.
- B. A beekeeper shall provide to the Village any updates to the information contained in the annual registration within 10 days of any change, including but not limited to the abandonment or change in location of any hive.
- C. Any person intending to maintain a beehive must notify abutting property owners and current residents of those properties, at least two weeks prior to registration (including annual re-registration), that s/he intends to maintain a hive. Notification shall be by a method of mail or delivery service providing proof of mailing or delivery or by personal service of the notice on the property owners/residents, evidenced by their signature as acknowledgment of receipt of such notice. Proof of such notification shall be required in order to register with the Village.

§ 83-11. Violations; penalties.

- A. Notwithstanding compliance with the requirements of this article, it shall be unlawful for any beekeeper to keep any colony in such a manner or of such disposition as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others, or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or property of others.
- B. Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$250.
- C. In addition, the Village may require the removal of any bee colonies that are found to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others, or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or property of others. If the bee colony is not removed within 14 days of being directed to do so by the Village, the Village may remove the colony and charge the beekeeper the costs of the removal, together with a charge of 50% of such costs to cover the cost of supervision and administration. If the property owner does not pay within 30 days of notification of the charges, the charges shall be assessed against the property and become a lien on the property and collected in the same manner as delinquent taxes.