

1. **PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall keep honey bees in the city without being a trained beekeeper and obtaining a valid permit issued by the city. The permit process requires:
 - A. Completed application accompanied with a \$25.00 fee.
 - B. An inspection which must meet all provisions of Section 3.
2. The permit application is also subject to a potential objection hearing. Before a permit is issued for the keeping of bees the following process must be followed:
 - A. Once a permit is applied for all property owners within a circular area having a radius of 200 feet, centered on the premises for which a permit has been requested, shall be notified OF THE PERMIT REQUEST. This shall be sent by the city via first-class U.S. mail.
 - B. Property owners shall have 14 working days to file a written objection and request for a hearing if they object to the granting of a permit.
 - C. If a timely written objection and request for a hearing has been submitted, the city shall hold a hearing within 14 days of receiving a written objection.
 - D. Within 10 days of completion of the hearing conducted, the city shall mail to the objector and permit applicant a written determination on the granting of the permit, taking into consideration factors listed under sub.3.
3. **KEEPING OF HONEY BEE HIVES.** A permit authorizes the keeping of honey bee hives on a premise, provided the following:
 - A. No more than 2 hives are allowed on a lot.
 - B. Honey bees are limited to eastern European races of apismelifera.
 - C. All honey bees shall be kept in hives with removable frames which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.
 - D. A minimum 6-foot high closed fence, closed hedge, building or other solid flyway barrier or other barrier which the city determines to be of sufficient height shall be located between hives and the property lines for all hives located within 20 feet of the property line. A supply of water shall be located within these enclosures and flyway barriers. A flyway barrier is not needed if the bee hive is kept at least 10 feet off the ground.
 - E. All hives and related structures that form the apiary shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the front property line and 10 feet from all other property lines.
 - F. Hives shall be located a minimum of 25 feet from dwellings, porches, gazebos, decks, swimming pools, permanently affixed play equipment and any other habitable area on any adjoining lots unless the owner of the adjoining property has provided written permission for closer hive placement.
 - G. Hives shall be provided with fresh water throughout the day and be designed to allow bees to access water by landing on a hard surface. This is not required during the winter.
 - H. Hives shall be actively maintained. Hives not under active human management and maintenance shall be dismantled or removed by the most recent permit holder.
 - I. In any instance in which a hive exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to destroy or requeen the hive. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics
 - J. In addition to compliance with the requirements of this section, no beekeeper shall keep a hive or hives that cause any unhealthy conditions or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others, any public property or property of others.
 - K. A permit application that is denied because it does not meet the standards of this subsection may be appealed to the city, which may waive or modify the requirements of this subsection consistent with professional practice guidelines promulgated by the University of Wisconsin system, Rock County Extension, or other similar professional or academic material.
4. **PERMIT REVOCATION.** A permit shall be subject to revocation upon failure to comply with any provisions of this ordinance. Once a permit is revoked, a permit shall not be reissued.