



Beekeeping License

Fee: \$30.00

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Code Beekeeping Regulations:

Sec. 25-100 Beekeeping.

- (a) Beekeeping is hereby declared to be an accessory use in the agricultural zoning, residential zoning, and public zoning districts, and in conjunction with residential uses and school uses as such uses are defined in Section 26-8-1. In all areas, beekeeping is only allowed as an accessory use subject to the conditions and restrictions of paragraph (b) of this section. Refer to Table 26A Permitted Uses in Chapter 26 of the Lafayette Code of Ordinances for a list of the zoning districts where beekeeping is allowed.
- (b) Beekeeping shall be unlawful in any area unless all of the following conditions are met:
  1. A beekeeping license must be approved by the community development department. A nonrefundable application fee shall be submitted with the beekeeping license application.
  2. No more than the following number of bee hives may be allowed on any lot or parcel;
    - i. Two (2) hives on any lot or parcel less than one-quarter (0.25) acre in size.
    - ii. Four (4) hives on any lot or parcel equal to or greater than one-quarter (0.25) acre but less than one-half (0.50) acre in size;
    - iii. Six (6) hives on any lot or parcel one-half (0.50) acre but less than one (1) acre in size;
    - iv. Eight (8) hives on any lot or parcel one (1) acre but less than five (5) acres in size;
    - v. Sixteen (16) hives on any lot or parcel five (5) acres or larger in size.
    - vi. For properties zoned Ag (Agricultural), more than sixteen (16) hives may be allowed pursuant to a special use review in accordance with Section 26-15 of this code.
  3. Hives shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from all property lines.
  4. A fresh water supply must be maintained within five (5) feet of the hive.
  5. The maximum height of a hive and any stand shall not be greater than six (6) feet.
- (c) It shall always be unlawful to maintain Africanized bees.
- (d) Beekeeping shall always be unlawful in common areas of a multi-unit, multi-use or multi-family property.
- (e) Any colony that has been abandoned or is kept in such a manner as to cause any unhealthy condition or fails to comply with the requirements of this chapter shall constitute a nuisance.
- (f) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to immunize a beekeeper from civil liability arising out of their beekeeping activities, regardless of the beekeepers compliance with the requirements of this section.

