

# BEEKEEPING



Honey Bees **are** allowed to be kept in the City, upon issuance of a Beekeeping Permit and compliance with the rules set in Municipal Codes § 33.01

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## Permits



No person may engage in Beekeeping without a permit.

Permits shall be issued for the locations at which Hives or Colonies are maintained.

Permits are **not transferable** from person to person or from location to location.

Permits are good for **2** years and may be renewed upon expiration.

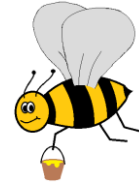
## Training



Proof of completion of a **beekeeping course** is needed when requesting a permit.

Beekeepers shall at all times comply with all other requirements of the Waukesha Municipal Code, including zoning and property maintenance codes; and shall observe all federal, state and local laws applicable to Beekeeping and the production and sale of honey.

## Bees



No person may intentionally keep colonies or hives of bees other than **Honey Bees**, except for wild bees that select their hive location naturally.

**Queens** shall be selected from European stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics.

If any Colony repeatedly exhibits unusually aggressive behavior, or exhibits an unusual tendency towards swarming, the Beekeeper shall promptly re-queen the Colony, and if re-queening fails to stop the behavior, remove or destroy the Colony.

Beekeepers shall allow inspection of Hives by the Department at least once per year, upon reasonable notice from the Department.

No person may keep Colonies or Hives in the City of Waukesha in any way that causes a public nuisance, causes an unreasonable risk of physical harm to any person or domestic animal, unreasonably interferes with normal activities of persons or domestic animals, or unreasonably interferes with the normal use and enjoyment of any private or public property.



# Maintenance



Must keep all hives and equipment in good and sanitary condition. No honeycomb or vermin attracting materials are to be left in the open.

# Location

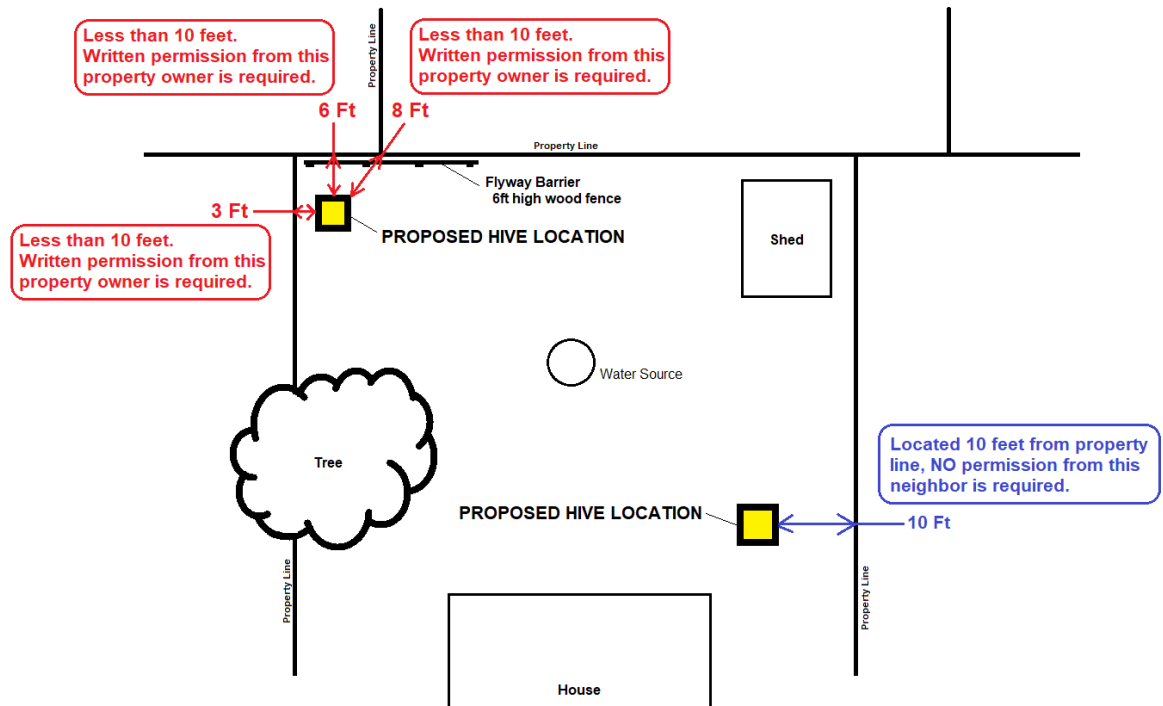


Hives are allowed in the **Rear Yard** only. Not in the front or side yards.



Hive must be at least **10** feet from your property line, or, you will need written permission from your neighbor.

A **drawing** showing the location of the Hives is required for a Beekeeping Permit. Here is an example of a drawing:



**Put name and address on drawing**  
**Must show location of proposed Hives on the property**  
**Must include dimensions to boundaries**  
**Show location of any flyway barriers**

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HIVES ALLOWED:

- 2 on parcels one-quarter acre of less. (10,890 sf)
- 4 on parcels larger than one-quarter acre but no larger than one-half acre. (21,780 sf)
- 6 on parcels larger than one-half acre but no larger than one acre. (43,560 sf)
- 8 on parcels larger than one acre.
- No limit if all Hives are located no less than 200 feet from all boundary lines of the parcel.

1 acre = 43,560 square feet.

**See Municipal Code § 33.01 for complete, updated, and actual code language.**

Application forms for Beekeeping Permits are available online at [www.waukesha-wi.gov/1207/Permit-Licenses](http://www.waukesha-wi.gov/1207/Permit-Licenses)