

Keeping of Honey Bees License Application

Backyard Beekeeping Rules and Regulations:

- **Legal Parameters** – It is unlawful to keep backyard honeybees without a license, in violation of the terms in Ordinance 14-3-19 (regulations referenced below), or if the license has been revoked for any reason.
- **License** – A backyard beekeeping license is required. Licenses may be issued on residential properties with dedicated rear yards; this excludes apartments and condominiums with shared outdoor spaces.
- **Hives allowed** – No more than two (2) honey bee hives are permitted per parcel.
- **Hive Placement** – Hives must be placed in the rear yard.
- **Hive Screening Required** –
 - **Flyway barrier** – a permanent vertical structure made of common building materials or natural vegetation that augments a honey bee’s flight path. A flyway barrier’s utility is to adjust the flight path of honey bees causing them to fly above human contact.
 - Flyway must be six (6) feet in height.
 - Consist of solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or combination thereof, which will not allow the bees to pass through, but rather over.
 - Flyway must be located within five (5) feet of the hive’s egress.
 - Flyway must extend ten (10) feet beyond the colony in each direction.
- **Water** – Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available at all times to the honey bees so that the honey bees are discouraged from congregating at swimming pools, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human, or domestic pet contact.
- **Aggressive bees and swarms** – If a colony becomes aggressive or swarms, the beekeeper shall re-queen the colony with a queen selected from stock bred for gentleness and nonswarming characteristics.
- **Prohibited Bees** – Africanized bees shall be prohibited.
- **Maintenance of hives** – Any honey bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any swarm of bees or colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper, is unlawful and shall be deemed a public nuisance in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 11 (Northglenn Nuisance Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code. The hive may be summarily destroyed or removed from the City by an appropriate designee. The beekeeper will have thirty (30) days from the time of the complaint to bring the hive/hives into compliance.

Applicant Acknowledgment:

Applicant acknowledges he/she is familiar with the provisions of Chapter 14, Article 3, Section 19 (described above) of the Northglenn Municipal Code regulating the keeping of honey bees in the City of Northglenn. The applicant also understands that City Council requested staff report on any community impacts experienced from the time of adoption by June 30, 2017, and that council may take action on the ordinance at that time.

Applicant (print): _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature & Date: _____ Received By: _____

