



Homegrown Minneapolis

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What's the Buzz? Raising Bees in the City of Minneapolis

Criteria for Permit:

- Define the location and number of hives, colonies and/or facilities for the housing of honeybees.
- Obtain written consent from 80 percent of the neighbors within 100 feet of the property where honeybees will be kept and 100 percent of the neighbors immediately adjacent to the property.
- Applicants must provide a certificate of completion of a honeybee keeping courses from one of the following: University of Minnesota, Century College, Three Rivers Park District.
- Allow Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) to inspect the premises where the honeybees will be kept.
- Renew permit annually with all permits expiring January 31st. (Application fee - \$100 / Renewal Fee - \$50) MACC shall inspect the premises annually.



Standards of Practice:

- Must be 20 feet from any habitable building on adjacent property and for each permitted colony on one apiary lot, there may be one nucleus colony in a standard 9 5/8 inch depth ten-frame hive body.
- While colony is active outside the hive, water sources must be available. And beekeeping equipment shall be maintained by keeping hives painted and securing unused equipment from weather, potential theft, or occupancy by swarms. The apiary property shall be enclosed by a latching fence.

Colony Density:

- Flyway barriers must be installed if colony is less than 25 feet from property line. The flyway barrier must continue 10 ft. in either direction from the hive along the lot line.
- Barriers may be made of a wall, fence, dense vegetation, or a combination of these that reaches 6 feet in height.
- All other sides of the area around the colonies shall have wall, fencing, dense vegetation, or a combination at least 4 feet in height. No barrier required if adjoining property is undeveloped, zoned for agriculture/industry, or is a wildlife management area with no horse and foot trails within 25 feet of the apiary lot line. No barrier needed on roof-top hives if a full story of hives has at least 5 feet from the side of the structure and at least 15 feet from adjacent occupied structures.

For further information please visit:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/animals/licenses/multiple-animal-permits>

Note: Applications for multiple animal, small animal and honeybee permits are not available online. To receive a permit application or for more information, please call 311.