



# BEEKEEPING LICENSE APPLICATION

\$25.00

Code Compliance & Community Development Departments  
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Street Address:	
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Please submit license applications to: [Planning@broomfield.org](mailto:Planning@broomfield.org)

The undersigned is permitted to keep bees at the location listed above subject to the following:

- A. It is unlawful to keep bees in any zone of the city, except agricultural zones, as a trade, profession, occupation, enterprise, operation, vocation, avocation, hobby, or activity and except as allowed under section [6-24-050\(D\)](#).
- B. Bees means and includes any hymenopterous insects of the family *Apidae*, and the common hive or honey bee *Apis mellifera*.
- C. Beekeeping is allowed in single-family zones subject to the following restrictions:
  - 1) Maximum number of hives per lot:
    - a) One-quarter acre or less: two hives;
    - b) More than one-quarter acre up to and including one-half acre: four hives;
    - c) More than one-half acre but less than one acre: six hives;
    - d) One acre or larger: eight hives;
    - e) Regardless of lot size, where all hives are situated at least 200 feet from all property lines of the lot on which the hives are located, there shall be no limit to the number of hives.
    - f) For each two hives authorized above, there may be maintained upon the same lot one nucleus colony in a hive structure as required from time to time for management of swarms, said hive structure to comply with the other requirements of this section.
  - 2) Location: Hives shall be set back a minimum of ten feet from all property lines and shall not be located in a front yard.
  - 3) Flyway barrier: If a hive is within 25 feet of a property line a flyway barrier at least six feet tall extending at least two feet beyond the hive shall be maintained between the hive and property line. A privacy fence a minimum of six feet in height, on or inside the property line, meets this requirement.
  - 4) Water: A supply of fresh water shall be maintained on the lot in a location readily accessible to all bee colonies to keep bees from congregating at water sources on nearby properties.
  - 5) Africanized bees: Africanized bees are prohibited.
  - 6) Queens: If a colony becomes aggressive or swarms, the beekeeper shall re-queen the colony with a queen selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarmling characteristics.
  - 7) Nuisance: Any swarm or colony of bees not residing in a maintained hive structure is declared a nuisance. Any bee colonies not in compliance with this chapter or declared a nuisance may be destroyed or removed at the direction of the city and county manager or his designee.
  - 8) License: The keeping of bees shall require a license issued by the Department of Community Development. The fee shall be a one-time fee of \$25.00.

**Failure to comply with these provisions shall constitute a violation of the municipal code and shall be subject to the penalty provisions contained in [Chapter 1-12, B.M.C., the Broomfield Penalty Ordinance](#).**

I affirm that I live in a single-family area and agree to the restrictions listed above. I further consent to inspections necessary to confirm compliance with the Broomfield Municipal Code.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>For Office Use Only:</u></b>		
Issued by:	Date:	License #:

# BEEKEEPING INFORMATION SHEET

## RESOURCES

A whole host of resources are available for the aspiring beekeeper. A small sample of the available sites is included below. These sites help provide some of the information and knowledge necessary for successful beekeeping.

Backyard Hive	<a href="https://backyardhive.com/">https://backyardhive.com/</a>
Colorado Beekeepers	<a href="https://coloradobeekeepers.org/">https://coloradobeekeepers.org/</a>
Honey Bee Keep	<a href="http://www.honeybeekeep.com/">http://www.honeybeekeep.com/</a>
CSU Extension	<a href="https://extension.colostate.edu/">https://extension.colostate.edu/</a>
Pollination Planet	<a href="https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/projects/29964-pollination-planet">https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/projects/29964-pollination-planet</a>
Grow Smart Grow Safe	<a href="https://www.growsmartgrowsafe.org/">https://www.growsmartgrowsafe.org/</a>
Bee Culture	<a href="https://www.beeculture.com/">https://www.beeculture.com/</a>
American Beekeeping Federation	<a href="https://www.abfnet.org/">https://www.abfnet.org/</a>
Butterfly Pavilion	<a href="https://butterflies.org/research-and-protecting-pollinators/">https://butterflies.org/research-and-protecting-pollinators/</a>

## INSECTICIDES AND “BEE SAFE” NEIGHBORHOODS

The use of certain insecticides can be harmful to bees. Many of the products used by homeowners to control insects on flowers and in gardens contain active ingredients that are toxic to bees. There are usually equally effective alternative insecticides available that have a low hazard for bees. The “bee safe” approach provides information to neighbors and encourages the elimination of pesticides toxic to bees to create neighborhoods that are safe for bees. Several of the links listed above provide information on “bee safe” neighborhoods.

A good resource for researching the toxicity to honeybees of insecticide active ingredients can be found at the [Thurston County, Washington](#) website. This site lists the active ingredients found in insecticide, rodenticide, and chemicals used in slug and snail control and then rates each one. Toxicity to humans, other mammals, birds, bees, and aquatic life is also assessed.