

Chapter 200, Article 4, Section 200-4-7 of the Village of Flossmoor Municipal Code

BEEKEEPING

Beekeeping activities are permitted in single-family residential districts in the Village but only in compliance with the following regulations:

- A. All beekeepers shall register the colonies and maintain valid registration with the Illinois Department of Agriculture or as otherwise required by the State of Illinois;
- B. All beekeepers shall maintain compliance with the Illinois Bees and Apiaries Act, including but not limited to having all hives accessible for state inspection to check on a routine basis;
- C. All beekeepers shall register annually with the Village;
- D. Registration fees and fines for violation of this ordinance shall be in accordance with fees and fines as established in Chapter 150 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code;
- E. The number of registrations issued at any time within the Village shall be limited to eight (8), with renewal applicants taking priority over new applicants. All new applicant registrations shall be issued on a first come first served basis. In the event that the number of applications exceeds the number of registrations permitted, the remaining applicants will be placed on a first come first served waiting list;
- F. All applicants shall give no less than thirty (30) days prior notice of the beekeeping activities to every property owner and tenant abutting the property on which the beekeeping activities shall be conducted;
- G. Residents abutting the property of an applicant who have been medically diagnosed with an allergy to bee venom may object to an application in writing no more than fifteen (15) days following the applicants notification, and the Village may deny a registration based upon sufficient evidence of an objector;
- H. Beekeeping activities may not be conducted within one-hundred fifty feet (150') of a park or a school;

- I. Beekeeping activities may be conducted only in residential districts and must be located in the rear yards of the residential property with a setback equal to the setback required for accessory uses in the applicable zoning district;
- J. Conspicuous weatherproof signage shall be located at the entrance(s) to the rear yard providing notice of the beekeeping activities;
- K. No more than two (2) colonies shall be permitted per apiary and no more than two (2) apiaries per residential lot;
- L. A flyway six feet (6') in height consisting of a lattice or solid fence, or dense hedge set no more than five feet (5') from hive openings and extending at least two feet (2') in width from either side of the hive opening shall be required;
- M. All beekeepers shall ensure a convenient source of water is available to the bees at all times during the year so the bees will not congregate at swimming pools; pet watering bowls, birdbaths, or other water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact;
- N. All beekeepers shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials which might encourage robbing, are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure;
- O. All beekeepers shall permit designated Village authorities to enter onto the part of the property which contains an apiary for the purpose of inspection as necessary to ensure compliance with this ordinance; and,
- P. The Village Manager shall have the authority to revoke a beekeeping registration if the Village Manager finds that the registrant has not complied with this ordinance, or owes the Village any outstanding fees or fines.