



CITY OF HOLLAND APPLICATION FOR HONEYBEE KEEPING PERMIT

How to obtain a City of Holland Beekeeping Permit:

1. If you plan to keep honeybees in the City of Holland, you should talk with your neighbors ahead of time, and explain the behavior and benefits of honeybee keeping. Honeybee keeping in the City must abide by the requirements of Section 4.3 of the City Code and should use generally accepted best management practices to avoid creating problems for your neighbors. You will be responsible for monitoring your honeybees on a regular basis for the health of the hive and to ensure that you have not created a nuisance to others.
2. Complete the Honeybee Keeping Permit application form.
3. Provide permit fee payable to the City of Holland.

_____ Initial application for 3 year permit (\$25.00 fee)

_____ Renewal application for 2 year permit (\$15.00 fee) (*Notification is not required for renewal of a license.*)

Information about the applicant:

Applicant's name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Applicant's beekeeping address: _____

Applicant's telephone number: _____
(Work #) (Home #)

Applicant's email address: _____

- Yes, I have read the City of Holland Section 4.3 pertaining to the keeping of honeybees and will abide by the conditions stated.
- Yes, I am educated about honeybee keeping best practices.
- Yes, I am aware of the following resources related to honeybee keeping:
 - Michigan Beekeepers' Association www.michiganbees.org
 - American Beekeeping Federation www.abfnet.org
 - Holland Area Beekeepers' Association www.hollandbees.org

The undersigned, declares and say he/she wishes to be permitted to perform the operation, service, or act stated hereon and that the statements made above are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Further, the undersigned says that he/she will comply with all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Holland and the laws of the State of Michigan relative to the operation, service, or act for which this permit is required during the period the permit is in effect. The undersigned further agrees to hold the City of Holland free and harmless from all liability which may be imposed upon it, to reimburse the City of Holland for all expenses of litigation in connection with the defense or act for which the license was issued. The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she has reviewed the rules and regulations.

The applicant acknowledges that the City may be required from time to time to release records in its possession. The applicant hereby gives permission to the City to release any records or materials received by the City from the applicant as it may be requested to do so as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq.

Applicant's Signature

Date

ORDINANCE NO. 1614

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 1614 OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND, BY AMENDING SECTION 4-3 OF CHAPTER 4 OF SAID CODE.

THE CITY OF HOLLAND ORDAINS:

That the Ordinance Code of the City of Holland, Michigan, is hereby amended by amending Section 4-3 to read as follows:

Section 4-3. - Keeping or housing—Generally.

No person shall keep or house any animal or honey bees within the city except dogs, cats, canaries or other animals or birds which are commonly kept and housed inside dwellings as domestic, household pets, except that:

(a) No person shall keep or house more than two (2) dogs per residential dwelling unit which have attained four (4) months of age.

(b) A person shall be permitted to keep or house cows, horses, mules or fowl if such animals shall be kept or housed not less than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from any dwelling of any person other than the one upon whose premises they are kept or housed and such animals or fowl are kept or housed on premises used or occupied as one parcel of land regularly devoted to, or zoned for, agricultural purposes and consisting of not less than four (4) acres.

(c) Other than in the AG Agriculture District, no person shall keep honeybees unless they obtain a honeybee permit and comply with the following conditions:

1. The maximum number of hives permitted per property shall be as follows:

a. Two (2) hives for properties with a lot that is not greater than 11,000 square feet in area.

b. Four (4) hives for properties with a lot area of greater than 11,000 square feet and not greater than 22,000 square feet in area.

c. Five (5) hives for properties with a lot area of greater than 22,000 square feet and not greater than 43,450 square feet in area.

d. Eight (8) hives for properties with a lot area of greater than 43,450 square feet (1 acre) in area.

e. One additional hive is allowed for each additional acre of land.

2. Each hive shall have a maximum size of 20 cubic feet.

3. A flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall shield any part of a property line that is within twenty-five (25) feet of a hive. The flyway barrier shall consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof and it shall be positioned to transect both legs of a triangle extending from an apex at the hive to each end point of the property line to be shielded.
4. A constant supply of water shall be provided for all hives.
5. All hives shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling on a neighboring property, at least five (5) feet from any property line, and where public sidewalk is present at least 10 feet distant from it.
6. The applicant shall pay the fee required by the fee resolution periodically adopted by the City Council.
7. Applications for original and renewal honeybee permits shall be submitted to, and permits shall be issued by, the Department of Community and Neighborhood Services. Permits shall be issued within one week if the applicant demonstrates that it meets all conditions of this section.
8. An initial honeybee permit shall be valid for 3 years from the date of issuance. A renewal honeybee permit shall be valid for 2 years from the date of issuance.
9. Applications for a honeybee permit, renewals, suspensions and revocations shall be handled in the manner provided in Chapter 17 for licenses.

All other provisions of Chapter 4 shall remain in full force and effect.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION DATE: August 21, 2013

ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE DATE: September 11, 2013