

Village of Cross Plains

License #: _____

KEEPING OF HONEYBEES – LICENSE APPLICATION

Any person who keeps honeybees in the Village shall obtain an annual license prior to January 1 of each year or within 30 days of first acquiring the honeybees. The keeping of honeybees is governed by Ordinance 21.15 of the Village Code.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:		Property Owner Name (if different)	
Address:			
Phone #:		Mobile Phone #:	
Email:			

General Limitations

The Village Board finds that honeybee pollination is important to wildlife that depend on honeybees for a food source and as pollinators of the plants they consume. Further, honeybee hives support a healthy urban food supply. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, honeybees may be kept on any lot, regardless of zoning subject to the limitations set forth below (Village Ordinance 21.15(B)). Please initial next to each duty to signify agreement.

1. No bees, other than honeybees, may be kept or maintained within the Village limits.	
2. No honeybee hive shall exceed five (5) cubic feet in volume.	
3. No more than six (6) honeybee hives may be kept on any single lot.	
4. No honeybee hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from any property line.	
5. No honeybee hive shall be located less than twenty-five (25) feet from a principal building on an abutting lot, and all hives shall be kept in the rear of a lot.	
6. An ever present supply of water shall be provided for all honeybee hives.	
7. A flyway barrier, at least six (6) feet in height, shall shield any part of a property line of a lot in different ownership that is within twenty-five (25) feet of a honeybee hive.	
8. If honeybees are to be kept on a lot, by a person other than the lot owner, the lot owner must give consent in writing to the keeping of honeybees on the lot as part of this application.	

The applicant is solely responsible for the well-being of the honey bees, condition of enclosures, and full compliance with Village Ordinance 21.15. The license is subject to all municipal codes in addition to all rules governing animal control. The applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Village of Cross Plains and its officers, officials, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expenses, costs, including attorney fees arising out of the activities performed as authorized by the license, caused in whole or in part by any acts, negligent or otherwise, or any omission of the applicant, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the applicant or anyone whose acts on behalf of the applicant may be liable, except where caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Village.

Applicant Signature

Date

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Notifications Mailed: Yes No _____

Committee Meeting: _____

Written Complaints: Yes No _____

Board Meeting: _____

Approved Denied