



BOROUGH OF WEST READING

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

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Application for Beekeeping Permit

☐ Original Application		☐ Renewal Application	
Address where Beekeeping is located:			
Name of Property Owner:		Address:	
Phone No:		Email Address:	
Name of Applicant (if different from owner):		Address:	
Phone No:		Email Address:	
Applicant's Statement: <i>I hereby certify that the answers on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree, in the consideration of the granting of this permit, to comply with the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and the provisions of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Borough of West Reading.</i>			
Signature of owner/applicant _____ Date _____			
Printed name of owner/applicant _____			
Applicant Check List		Office Staff Check List	
☐ Attach detailed lot diagram		☐ Blank application to applicant (1 application for each premises)	
☐ Attach certificate of completion of certified beekeeping educational program		☐ Copy of ordinance 1043 to applicant	
☐ Attach State registration of Apiary		☐ Required detailed lot diagram	
☐ Non-property owners attach written permission from property owner		☐ Required signatures from landowners	
☐ Attach Best Management Certification		☐ Fee paid	
Note: Beekeeping equipment shall not be located closer than 10' of any side or rear property line. No hive shall be located within the front yard of a lot. No hive shall be located within 50' of a swimming pool or permanently kenneled animal. Hive entrances shall face away from neighboring properties.			
Office Use Only			
Number of locations/hives:			
Rear yard:			
Side yard:			
Roof top:			
Screened location product, visible @ 25':			
Notes:			

Beekeeping Permit Application

Site Location & Description

Site Address: _____

Lot Size (Total Square Footage): _____

Description of Animals

Number of bee hives to be kept on property: _____

Are there other poultry or micro-livestock at this address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

General Information

Are the bee hives to be located within 10 feet of any side or rear property line? ☐ Yes ☐ No (no hive shall be located within the front yard of a lot, nor within 50 feet of a swimming pool or permanently kennelled animal).

Is a 6' tall Flyway Barrier provided? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the hive entrance facing away from neighboring properties? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the hive placed in such a direction as to allow the bees to fly across the beekeeper's property at sufficient distance to gain a height of at least 6 feet at each property line? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is a convenient, fresh source of water available to the bees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Site Plan

Please attach a "to scale" site plan which clearly shows: (example of "to scale" 1 inch = 100 feet)

- Lot dimensions and size and location of house and accessory structures
- Location where bee hives will be kept
- Location of fencing or flyway barriers
- Location of water supply provided for the colonies
- Approximate locations of dwellings on adjoining properties

Applicant Signature

I hereby certify that my maintaining bees and bee hives will continually conform to the standards of the Borough of West Reading Ordinance No. 1043 Animals and to any conditions of approval attached to the Beekeeping Permit. I understand that the ability to keep bees is subject to revocation if violations of the Municipal Code or this permit exist on my property.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____