



# CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT – PLANNING AND ZONING

### Honey Bee Hive Registration

#### City of Battle Creek 608.30

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **REGISTRATION (must live at the property where bee hives are housed)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property owned or leased/rented?      Yes      No

*If leased/rented, written permission from the property owner must be submitted with application.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Size of Property      \_\_\_\_\_ Number of bee hives housed at the registered address.

Do you agree to conduct your beekeeping operation in compliance with 608.30 Urban Livestock and the State of Michigan Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices? Yes    No   

#### **City of Battle Creek 608.30 Urban Livestock**

*By initializing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all terms and agree to comply with ordinance 608.30 Urban Livestock, and any/all other applicable regulations, and that I have received a copy for my records.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Honey bees shall be kept in the rear yard at least 30 feet from all adjacent property lines and 100 feet from residential structures located on adjacent properties.

\_\_\_\_\_ A six-foot high solid wall or fence extending 15 feet beyond the hive on both sides shall be located 10 to 15 feet from the hive entrance to direct foraging bees above human height.

\_\_\_\_\_ An adequate and constant water source, as temperatures allow, shall be placed within 20 feet of the beehives and permanently maintained while actively beekeeping to prevent bees from congregating at swimming pools, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic pet contact.

\_\_\_\_ Beekeeping operations shall be compliant with the State of Michigan Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for Beekeeping and Apiary Management, which can be found at the following link [www.michigan.gov/mdlard/environment/rtf/gaamps](http://www.michigan.gov/mdlard/environment/rtf/gaamps).

\_\_\_\_ Any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter will be subject to the penalties established by section 608.30 of this chapter.

#### APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By signing this application, the applicant hereby declares that all answers given herein are true to the best of their knowledge. Furthermore, the registrant understands that the allowed keeping of beehives is based upon the contents of the submitted registration form.

I understand that if the requirements of Ordinance 608.30 are not complied with, the City may initiate a civil infraction violation.

Private restrictions on the use of property shall remain enforceable and take precedence over the registration of a Honey Bee operation. Private restrictions include but are not limited to deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, neighborhood association by-laws, and covenant deeds. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.

I agree to allow the City access to the property at which the beehives will be located in the event of a complaint. Such access to be scheduled in advance and with the registrant present.

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(Signature) Applicant Name

(Print Name)

Date

#### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Lot Size: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Beehives Allowed: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector Signature: \_\_\_\_\_