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APPROVAL DATE _____

BEE AND APIARY APPLICATION

Sec. 130-66. Apiary accessory use

The keeping of apiaries shall be permitted as an accessory use in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) *Colony density.*
- (1) The minimum lot size required for an apiary shall be 4,000 square feet.
 - (2) The maximum number of hives allowed in an apiary shall be determined based on lot sizes as follows:
 - a. 4,000 sq. ft. to 11,000 sq. ft.: 2 hives
 - b. 11,001 sq. ft to 43,560 sq. ft.: 4 hives
 - c. Over 43,560 sq. ft.: 4 hives plus 1 additional hive per 3,000 sq. ft. of lot area over 43,560 sq. ft.
 - (3) A hive shall consist of no more than three (3) boxes per hive. Each box shall not exceed 19 ^{7/8} inches in length by 16 ^{1/4} inches in width by 9 ^{5/8} inches in height. If a skep, barrel, log gum, or other container are used instead of boxes for a hive, the dimensions of the hive shall not exceed the limits of this subsection.
- (b) *Location.*
- (1) Hives shall not be placed in any front or side yard.
 - (2) Hives shall have the following additional setbacks:
 - a. 25 feet from a street, sidewalk, or a lot line;
 - b. 35 feet from any adjacent dwelling not located on the property;
 - c. 50 feet from an educational facility, hospital, medical care facility, child care center, congregate/continuing care, assisted living facility, and day care center, adult; and
 - d. 50 feet from any penned, kenneled, or confined animal.
- (c) *Care and Maintenance.*
- (1) An apiary shall be kept in a manner that facilitates inspection and shall be maintained in sound and usable condition.
 - (2) A constant supply of fresh water shall be provided on the lot within 20 feet of all hives. The water source shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant.
 - (3) A flyway barrier at least six feet in height but no greater than seven feet in height shall be erected parallel to the lot line between the hive opening and any lot line located within 25 feet. The flyway barrier shall consist of a wall, solid fence, dense vegetation, or a combination thereof extending five feet beyond the hive in each direction. A flyway barrier of dense vegetation shall not be limited to seven feet in height provided that the initial planting is four feet in height and the vegetation normally reaches six feet in height or higher. Barriers shall be maintained in good condition so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six feet above ground level.
- (d) *Permit required.*
- (1) Prior to keeping an apiary, a zoning certification application demonstrating compliance with all requirements of this section shall be submitted to and approved by the City.

I, the undersigned, do affirm that the Apiary accessory use proposed above will conform to the requirements of zoning ordinance section 130-66 Apiary accessory use and as identified in this application. Furthermore, I understand that issuance of this permit does not negate compliance with or supersede any private covenants or restrictions attached to the land that would otherwise prohibit this activity.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____