9-4-19. - BEEKEEPING.

(A) Definitions: As used in this Section, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Subsection:

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<td>APIARY</td>
<td>A place where bee colonies are kept.</td>
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<td>BEE</td>
<td>Any stage of the common domestic honeybee, Apis mellifera species.</td>
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<td>COLONY</td>
<td>A hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.</td>
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<td>HIVE</td>
<td>A structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.</td>
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(B) Hives: All bee colonies shall be kept in inspectable type hives with removable combs, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.

(C) Annual Licensing: Beekeepers shall apply for a City beekeeping license upon bringing any colony into the City. For bee colonies existing within the City prior to the effective date of this Section, beekeepers shall have two (2) weeks from the date this Section goes into effect to apply for a City beekeeping license. Applications shall be submitted to the City Manager or his/her designee. At the time of application for a City beekeeping license, the applicant shall:
1. Submit proof of registration of the colonies with the state of Illinois Department of Agriculture; and
2. Be in compliance with the other requirements of this Section; and
3. Pay a twenty five dollar ($25.00) nonrefundable application fee.

The City beekeeping license shall be renewed each year by submitting a renewal application to the City Manager or his/her designee no more than two (2) weeks prior to the one year anniversary date of the then current City beekeeping license. At the time of applying for a renewal City beekeeping license, the applicant shall submit the same documents, comply with the same requirements, and pay the same fee set forth in this Subsection (C) and required for the initial City beekeeping license application.

(D) Fencing, Gates, And Signage: All hives shall be enclosed by fencing with a secure gate and prominent signage warning of the presence of a hive.

(E) Water: Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available at all times to the bees so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, bibcocks, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact. The water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant.

(F) Maintenance: Each beekeeper shall ensure that no been comb or other materials that might encourage robbing are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other beeproof enclosure.

(G) Queens: In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation, or exhibits an unusual disposition towards swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to requeen the colony. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and nonswarming characteristics.
(H) **Colony Densities:**

1. There shall be no more than eight (8) apiary sites in each ward in Evanston.

2. For each two (2) colonies, there may be maintained one nucleus colony in a hive structure not exceeding one standard nine and five-eighths inch (9 5/8") depth ten (10) frame hive body with no supers attached as required from time to time for management of swarms. Each such nucleus colony shall be disposed of or combined with an authorized colony within thirty (30) days after the date it is acquired.

(I) **Prohibited:** The keeping by any person of bee colonies in the City not in compliance with this Section is prohibited. Any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any swarm of bees, or any colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper, is unlawful.

(Ord. No. 65-0-06; Ord. No. 8-0-12, (49-0-11(exh. B, § 9-4-19)), 1-23-2012)