

Beekeeping Regulations Scoring Card

Scoring Card for the Village/Municipality/County of: City of Aurora, Illinois				
Date of Score Card 1/9/2017				
Contacts Planning/Zoning: (630) 256-3080				
Guidelines for this form: If score deductions account for more than 40 points of score lost, this form is not necessary to be completed beyond that point and the grade issued will be an F.				
Grading Point	Max Score	Score	Notes On Score	Scoring Description
Beekeeping Activities (55 pts)				
Allow beekeeping activities.	35	0	Section 9.15 part a. Municipal code link: https://www.municode.com/library/il/aurora/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH9AN_ARTIINUAB_S9-15KEANOTDOAN	If beekeeping is allowed score = 35; If beekeeping is allowed but only on lots larger than 1 acre score = 30; If beekeeping is allowed only as special use score = 20; If beekeeping is not allowed score = 0;
Allow colony density based on size of non-agricultural lot size.	10	0		As described in FDACS-08492 (Florida DOA). If max # of colonies grows with size in the manner described or no limit then score = 10; If max number grows with property size indefinitely score = 9; If fixed limits are set then the score = 5; If limits are vague, require an extremely large lot, or do not vary by lot size then score = 0;
Allow for nucleus colony production and swarm reduction during the season.	5	0		As described in FDACS-08492 (Florida DOA). If nucleus colonies are allowed to be produced based on the size of lot then score = 5; If max number grows with property size indefinitely score = 4; If a fixed number are allowed then the score = 3; If no nucleus colonies are allowed then score = 0;
Allow unrestricted beekeeping on agricultural land.	5	0	Section 9.15 part c. Only allows for current owner at time of annexation. Municipal code link: https://www.municode.com/library/il/aurora/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH9AN_ARTIINUAB_S9-15KEANOTDOAN	Yes = 5; No = 0
Zoning and Permitting (25 pts)				
Allow Beekeeping on all zoning types	5			If all single family residential, commercial, and industrial are allowed score = 5; If only residential allowed or only commercial/industrial allowed score = 3; If no beekeeping allowed then score = 0;
No local permit required to be a beekeeper	5			If permitting is not required score = 5; If permitting is required to start apiary score = 4; if permitting must be renewed every year score = 3;
No excessive permitting costs	5			If permitting is not required or the permit costs no money then score = 5; If permit is one time fee less than \$20 then score = 4; if the permit is a one time fee of more than \$20 score = 3; if permit has a or has a reoccurring fee score = 2;
Excessive extra construction costs or setbacks to have an apiary on property	5			If no permanent structures or setbacks may be required score = 5; If setbacks may be required score = 4; If setbacks are always required score = 3; If fences or other permanent structures may be required depending on circumstances score = 2; If fences or other permanent structures are required under all circumstance score = 0;
Business Related Activity (25 pts)				
Allow for the sale of honey/hive products from on premis colonies	5			If all types of sales are allowed regardless of zoning score = 5; If residential honey sales are limited score = 3; If no sales are allowed score = 0
Allow for the sale of honey/hive products from colonies not on premise	5			If all types of sales are allowed regardless of zoning score = 5; If residential honey sales are limited score = 3; If no sales are allowed score = 0
Allow for home/farm based beekeeping business	5			If business activities are unrestricted score = 5; If there are restrictions to business activities to a home based business score = 3; if no beekeeping business are allowed score = 0;
Allow beekeeper to place signs on beekeeping vehicles.	5			Yes = 5; No = 0
Allow beekeeper to place a sign for honey sales on property.	5			Yes = 5; No = 0
TOTAL SCORE (100 pts max)	100	0		
Letter Grade:		F		

Scoring Legend				
Letter Grade Score = Bee Friendliness	High	Low		
A	100	90		Extremely friend to bees and beekeepers. This is an excellent city to keep bees in.
B	89	80		Moderately friendly to bees and beekeepers. This is a good city to keep bees in.
C	79	70		Somewhat friendly to beekeepers. Beekeeping should be considered, but be careful.
D	69	60		Beekeeping may be considered, but be very careful.
F	59	0		Not friendly to bees or beekeepers. Municipal code should be changed.