

Beekeeping Regulations Scoring Card

Scoring Card for the Village/Municipality/County of: DuPage County, Illinois				
Date of Score Card		1/9/2016		
Contacts		Building & Zoning: 630-407-6700; Paul: 630-514-0628		
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	20	of any size per the county zoning code per chapter 37 article 5 of the county code. https://www.municode.com/library/il/dupage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH37DU PACOZOOR_ARTVNOBUSTUS Beekeeping is allowed on commercial/business (chapter 37 article 8) and industrial (chapter 37 article 10) zoned property. https://www.municode.com/library/il/dupage_co	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	10		Yes = 5; No = 0
Zoning and Permitting (25 pts)				
Allow Beekeeping on all zoning types	5	3	Per chapter 37 article 5 beekeeping is not allowed on all residential property.	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	0	A special use request must be made to the county on residential plots of land larger than five acres to allow for agriculture use.	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	0		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	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	5	If over 5 acres of land it will be considered a farm. Farms are not regulated on this. Under five acres they are severely limited. https://www.municode.com/library/il/dupage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH37DU PACOZOOR_ARTIVGEPR_37-418HOOCPRAROFUS	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	3	If over 5 acres of land it will be considered a farm. Farms are not regulated on this. Under five acres they are severely limited. https://www.municode.com/library/il/dupage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH37DU PACOZOOR_ARTIVGEPR_37-418HOOCPRAROFUS	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	3	If over 5 acres of land it will be considered a farm. Farms are not regulated on this. Under five acres they are severely limited. https://www.municode.com/library/il/dupage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH37DU PACOZOOR_ARTIVGEPR_37-418HOOCPRAROFUS	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	5	If over 5 acres of land it will be considered a farm. Farms are not regulated on this. Under five acres they are severely limited. https://www.municode.com/library/il/dupage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH37DU PACOZOOR_ARTIVGEPR_37-418HOOCPRAROFUS	Yes = 5; No = 0
Allow beekeeper to place a sign for honey sales on property.	5	5	If over 5 acres of land it will be considered a farm. Farms are not regulated on this. Under five acres they are severely limited. https://www.municode.com/library/il/dupage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH37DU PACOZOOR_ARTIVGEPR_37-418HOOCPRAROFUS	Yes = 5; No = 0
TOTAL SCORE (100 pts max)		100	59	
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.