



## VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN

# HONEYBEE -KEEPING GUIDELINES

Honeybee- keeping may be considered a permitted accessory use on a residential property as a personal hobby activity which is incidental and subordinate to the residential use provided it does not result in a nuisance to adjacent property owners or the public. Similar shelters and housing for some animals and wildlife is typically provided on residential properties including a dog house, rabbit hutch, pigeon coop, fish pond, and bird house which are compatible with a residential use. Bee hives and bee keeping will be considered a nuisance and the use will be prohibited unless the use continually complies with the following requirements:

1. Honeybee-keeping may not be operated for profit and no resulting products may be offered for sale.
2. Honeybee-keeping may not be operated as a home occupation as specified in Zoning Code Section 10-5-2.
3. There may not be more than three hives on a residential property.
4. The hives must be located a minimum of 25 feet from the side and rear lot lines and may not be located in the front yard.
5. An adequate and accessible water source must be continuously provided within 25 feet of the hives.
6. The hives must be *removable comb hives* and maintained in good condition.
7. The Honey Bee colonies must be inspected by the beekeeper monthly and maintained in good health and condition.
8. A flyway barrier must be established and maintained that is at least 6 feet in height consisting of a solid wall, dense vegetation or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line and extending 10 feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all honeybees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least 6 feet above the ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.
9. Written notification must be submitted to the owners of all properties adjacent to the property containing the hives.