

Beekeeping Regulations Scoring Card

Scoring Card for the Village/Municipality/County of:	Kane County, Illinois		
Date of Score Card	1/23/2016		
Contacts	Development and Community Services; Brook: 630-232-3480		
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
Beekeeping Activities (55 pts)			
Allow beekeeping activities.	35	30	Agricultural activities are a permitted use on Residential (R Type zoning) lots of at least one acre per 25-9-5-1 section C3. All estate districts (E type zoning) allow agricultural activities as a permitted use on 1.25 acres or more per 29-9-4-1 section b. County Code link to oning: http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=973&chapter_id=80807
Allow colony density based on size of non-agricultural lot size.	10	10	Kane county does not regulate the number of colonies on land with permitted agricultural use.
Allow for nucleus colony production and swarm reduction during the season.	5	5	Kane county does not regulate the number of colonies on land with permitted agricultural use.
Allow unrestricted beekeeping on agricultural land.	5	5	Farming district allows all agricultural activities as a permitted use: http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=973&chapter_id=80806#s865538 Minimum size for a gricultural district is one acre: http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=973&chapter_id=80806#s865540
Zoning and Permitting (25 pts)			
Allow Beekeeping on all zoning types	5	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	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	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	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	3	25.3.1 specifies the sales of agricultural commodities are regulated by the definition of agriculture. Technically requires 5 acres or more. http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=973&chapter_id=80801#s865418
Allow for the sale of honey/hive products from colonies not on premise	5	3	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	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	5	The county does not regulate this.
Allow beekeeper to place a sign for honey sales on property.	5	5	Each zoning type has a signage limitation, but signs are allowed. 20 Sq Feet for farming, and 6 square feet for Estate and Residential zoned land. For Residential: http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=973&chapter_id=80807 For Farmland: http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=973&chapter_id=80806
TOTAL SCORE (100 pts max)	100	91	
Letter Grade:	A		

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.