

Beekeeping Regulations Scoring Card

Scoring Card for the Village/Municipality/County of: Village of Lemont, Illinois				
Date of Score Card 3/24/2016				
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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	30	Beekeeping is considered an agricultural activity by the village. Agricultural related activities require ten acres or more. Municipal code: https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.160AG	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	One hive per 20,000 sq feet. Lemont counts one livestock = one beehive. https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.160AG	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	One hive per 20,000 sq feet. Lemont counts one livestock = one beehive. https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.160AG	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		Yes = 5; No = 0
Zoning and Permitting (25 pts)				
Allow Beekeeping on all zoning types	5	3	Only R-1 and R-2 zoning districts.	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	There is no permit costs to have bees, but to sell the products on premis will require special use permits. Municipal code: https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.010USLA	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	Table 17.06.01 lists permitted uses and special permit's required. Sale of farm goods requires special use permit. Municipal code: https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.010USLA	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	Table 17.06.01 lists permitted uses and special permit's required. Sale of farm goods requires special use permit. Municipal code: https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.010USLA	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	Table 17.06.01 lists permitted uses and special permit's required. Sale of farm goods requires special use permit. Municipal code: https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.010USLA	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	Table 17.06.01 lists permitted uses and special permit's required. Sale of farm goods requires special use permit. Municipal code: https://www.municode.com/library/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.010USLA	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		Yes = 5; No = 0
Allow beekeeper to place a sign for honey sales on property.	5	5		Yes = 5; No = 0
TOTAL SCORE (100 pts max)	100	69		
Letter Grade:		D		

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.