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# SANFORD / LEE COUNTY / BROADWAY

## URBAN BEEKEEPING PERMIT APPLICATION



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This application is intended for the persons wishing to keep bees within an urban, residential environment. Please complete this application and submit it to the Department of Community Development with a site plan **site plan** illustrating where the beehive(s) will be located in relation to any structures/dwellings, property lines, and other existing conditions.

**Submit this application and required supplemental documents via email to:** [zoning@sanfordnc.net](mailto:zoning@sanfordnc.net)

### **Applicant Information** (Contact person for beehives)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Property Owner Information** (Contact person for building/land where hives are located)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Beekeeping Site Information**

Beekeeping Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Hive(s) Kept on Rooftop

Hive(s) Kept at Ground Level

Jurisdiction:  City of Sanford

Lee County

Town of Broadway

**Beehive Defined** The term “beehive” shall include any receptacle or container which is made or prepared for the use as a dwelling by a colony of bees. A colony shall include group of worker bees, drones, and a queen living together as one social unit.

### **Standards**

- Dimensional Standards:** The maximum height of any beehive shall be four feet above grade (or floor surface of roof). In the case of roof-mounted beehives, the base of the hive shall be no closer than ten (10) feet from the edge of the building/vertical wall.

What is the height of the beehive above the grade or the floor surface of the roof? \_\_\_\_\_

How close is the hive from the edge of the building/vertical wall? \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Lot Size Standards:** There is no minimum lot size for erecting a single beehive, provided that no hive shall be established or kept within ten (10) feet of a property line.

Additional hives shall be permitted based on lot size as follows:

Lot area (square feet) 10,000sf or less	Maximum Number of Hives Allowed:	2
Lot Area (square feet) 10,001sf – 20,000sf	Maximum Number of Hives Allowed:	3
Lot Area (square feet) 20,000sf +	Maximum Number of Hives Allowed:	4

What is the lot size of the subject property/site? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hives will be erected on the subject property? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a site plan (see last page; or provide a sketch of your own) illustrating the distance of the hive(s) from all property lines.

3. **Water Source:** A constant and adequate on-site source of fresh water shall be provided, and shall be located closer to the hive than any water source on adjacent property.

What is the water source for the hive(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a water source on the adjacent property? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box to acknowledge that the hive's water source is the closest water source to the hives.

4. **Flyaway Barriers:** For beehives that are to be placed at ground level, a flyaway barrier at least six feet in height, but no greater than seven feet in height, shall be erected parallel to the property line between the hive opening and any property line located ten feet or less therefrom. The flyaway barrier shall consist of a wall, solid fence, dense vegetation, or a combination thereof extending five feet beyond the hive in each direction. A flyaway barrier of dense vegetation shall not be limited to seven feet in height provided that the initial planting is four feet in height and the vegetation normally reaches six feet in height or higher. Barriers shall be maintained in good condition so that all bees are forced to fly to an elevation of at least six feet above ground level. This section shall not be required for beehives that shall be erected on roof tops or similar elevated structures that are at least six feet in height above the surrounding grade.

What is the distance between the property line parallel to the hive opening and the hive itself? \_\_\_\_\_

How tall is the flyaway barrier? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the barrier made of? \_\_\_\_\_

Please include flyaway barrier location on the site plan.

5. **Roof Installations:** Roof-mounted beehives (or other similar elevated hives) shall be installed and secured in such a manner as to withstand storm events. Installation shall include fasteners, straps, or other such devices so as to reasonably ensure that the hive and related structures stay secure to the roof during a significant wind event.

**How will the beehive(s) be installed and secured to the roof? (Provide a sketch or diagram, if needed.)**

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6. **Aggressiveness:** In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits unusual disposition towards swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to promptly “requeen” the colony. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics.

Please check the box to acknowledge that you understand the aggressiveness statement.

7. **Zoning Clearance:** A zoning clearance permit must be secured in accordance with § 3.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance. The permit application must include a plot plan/site plan that indicates the number of beehives, shows the location of each hive and water source(s), and their respective distances from all property lines.

**Please provide a site plan illustrating the number of beehives, the location of each beehive, the water source(s) and distance from each beehive to all adjoining property lines.**

**STAFF USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction (circle):  Sanford  Lee County  Broadway

Request (circle):  Approved  Denied Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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