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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE KEEPING OF HONEYBEES

[Duluth City Code Chapter 6](#) regulates the keeping of animals and fowl within the city limits. Under the code, those who keep honeybees are subject to restrictions on where and how they may keep them.

LICENSE REQUIRED

- ❖ Any person who keeps honeybees must obtain a license prior to acquiring the honeybees.
- ❖ There is no license requirement for areas zoned Rural-Conservation (R-C) or Residential-Rural (RR-1).
- ❖ The license year begins in January and ends in December. Fees are not prorated.

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- ❖ Only one license is allowed per lot. If the applicant is not the owner of the property, all residents must be notified (only required upon initial application) and the owner must sign the application.
- ❖ No more than five hives may be located on a lot.
- ❖ A hive cannot exceed 20 cubic feet in volume.
- ❖ A constant supply of water must be provided to all hives, except during the dormant period.
- ❖ Hives cannot be within five feet of any property line, 15 feet of any public sidewalk, or 30 feet of a building on an abutting lot.
- ❖ A flyway barrier at least six feet high must shield any part of a property line within 30 feet of a hive. The flyway barrier must be a wall, fence, dense vegetation, or combination of the three. The flyway barrier must be positioned to bisect a triangle with its point at the hive and each end point extending to the property line.
- ❖ Rooftop hives cannot be closer than 15 feet to a building on an abutting lot.
- ❖ Animal control may refuse or revoke a license at their discretion if the honeybees become a nuisance.