



BEEKEEPING REGISTRY

Registration is required to maintain bee hives within the City of Medford. The standards outlined in the Medford Municipal Code shall be adhered to at all times.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Beekeeper's
Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP
Code _____

Email _____

Telephone Primary _____ Secondary _____

Hive
Address _____

Number of
hives at site _____ Zoning _____

If the Beekeeper does not reside on the property where an apiary is kept please provide emergency contact information for an on-site resident:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP
Code _____

Email _____

Telephone Primary _____ Secondary _____

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If the Beekeeper does not own the property where an apiary is kept, written permission from the property owner or person lawfully in possession of the property shall be provided below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Email _____

Telephone Primary _____ Secondary _____

Property Owner Signature _____

4. SUBMIT THE REGISTRATION

- Submit the completed form
 - Electronic submittal options:
 - Send via email to planning@cityofmedford.org
 - Submit on a flash drive or other USB storage device (will not be returned)
 - Paper submittal options:
 - Physical address: 200 S. Ivy Street, Medford, OR 97501
 - Mailing address: 411 W. 8th Street, Medford OR 97501
- Fees
 - None

I hereby certify that I conform to the standards identified in Medford Land Development Code Section 10.813(C) (included in this application package). I understand that a violation of these terms is subject to revocation of my ability to keep bees. By signing below I agree that I have read the code provisions and will abide by them.

Beekeeper's Signature _____

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EXCERPTS FROM MEDFORD LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 10.813

C. Beekeeping.

The City recognizes the many benefits of bees including pollination services and useable products such as honey and wax. The keeping of bees is permitted in the single-family residential districts, the commercial, industrial, and the public parks districts in the city limits subject to the following standards:

- (1) Registration with the Medford Planning Department is required in order to keep beehives within the city limits.*
- (2) Number of Hives Permitted.*
 - (a) A maximum of three hives on a property less than one acre.*
 - (b) A maximum of six hives on a property between one and two acres.*
 - (c) For properties over two acres, an additional three hives per acre are permitted.*
- (3) A beekeeper who owns five or more hives is required by the State to register them with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.*
- (4) Bees shall be kept in hives with removable frames or combs, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.*
- (5) For each colony permitted to be maintained under this ordinance, one temporary nucleus colony in a hive structure not to exceed one standard 9-5/8-inch-depth, ten-frame hive body may also be maintained on the same property.*
- (6) Hives shall not be placed within a required front, side, rear, street side, or buffer yard.*
- (7) When a beehive is located less than 20 feet from a property line, a flyway barrier at least six feet in height shall be maintained parallel to the property line for a minimum of five feet in either direction of the hive. The flyway barrier may consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof, such that bees will fly over rather than through the material to reach the colony.*
- (8) A constant supply of fresh water shall be provided for the colonies on site within 15 feet of each hive.*
- (9) Each beekeeper shall ensure that no wax comb or other material that might encourage robbing by other bees are left upon the grounds of the property. Such materials once removed from the site shall be handled and stored in sealed containers, or placed within a building or other insect-proof container.*
- (10) If the beekeeper serves the community by removing a swarm or swarms of honey bees from locations where they are not desired, the beekeeper shall be permitted to temporarily hive the swarm on their property for up to 30 days from the date acquired, at which time the hive limit requirements of Section C(2) apply once more.*
- (11) Products generated on site by bees, such as honey, shall be permitted to be sold on the property per applicable business license and/or home occupation regulations; however, no outdoor sales are permitted.*

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- (12) A beekeeper shall not locate or maintain a hive on property owned by another person without first obtaining written permission from the property owner or person lawfully in possession of the property.*
- (13) A beekeeper shall immediately replace the queen in a hive that exhibits aggressive characteristics, including stinging or attempting to sting without provocation.*
- (14) Only docile common honey bees shall be permitted. African honey bees or any hybrid thereof are prohibited.*
- (15) A person may not keep a hive that causes a threat to human or animal health, or interferes with normal use and enjoyment of public or private property.*
- (16) Violation of Section 10.813(C) constitutes a violation. Every day in which the violation exists constitutes a separate violation.*
- (17) A violation of Section 10.813(C) is declared to be a public nuisance, and may be abated in the manner provided for in Section 5.520 of the Medford Code.*