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City of Traverse City

Office of the City Clerk

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Traverse City, MI 49684  
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Dear Prospective Honeybee Keeper:

**Subject: Honeybee Keeping Application**

Thank you for your interest in adding to our community by applying to become a honeybee keeper!

Enclosed is a Honeybee Keeper License Application which will allow for honeybee keeping with certain restrictions. Prior to submitting your application it is recommend that you talk to your neighbors ahead of time to explain the behavior and benefits of honeybee keeping. Please familiarize and adhere to the Traverse City Code of Ordinances Chapter 610, Section 610.01 (d) Prohibited Animals Exceptions and Chapter 660, Section 660.01 Public Nuisance which can be viewed in their entirety at

[https://library.municode.com/mi/traverse\\_city/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTSIXGEOF\\_CO\\_CH610AN\\_610.01PRAN](https://library.municode.com/mi/traverse_city/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTSIXGEOF_CO_CH610AN_610.01PRAN) and  
[https://library.municode.com/mi/traverse\\_city/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTSIXGEOF\\_CO\\_CH660PUNU\\_660.01PUNUDE](https://library.municode.com/mi/traverse_city/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTSIXGEOF_CO_CH660PUNU_660.01PUNUDE).

When submitting your application, please have the application completed in its entirety, be educated on honeybee keeping best practices, and include the \$40.00 Application for Honeybee License and Registration fee.

Once your application and required fees have been submitted, the City Clerk's Office will notify all abutting property owners of your intention. After a week has passed from the notification, the City Clerk's Office will issue you a formal ***Honeybee Keeping License***.

We hope this information is helpful. The City of Traverse City looks forward to working with you to compliment the living experience in Traverse City! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone in the City Clerk's Office at (231) 922-4480 or via Email at [tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov](mailto:tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov).

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benjamin C. Marentette".

Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC  
City Clerk

**CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY  
APPLICATION FOR HONEYBEE KEEPING  
LICENSE AND REGISTRATION**



**How to obtain a City of Traverse City Honeybee Keeping License and Registration:**

1. If you plan to keep honeybees in the City of Traverse City, it is best to talk to your neighbors ahead of time, and explain the behavior and benefits of honeybee keeping. Honeybee keeping in the city should utilize best practices to avoid creating problems for your neighbors. You will be responsible for monitoring your honeybees on a regular basis for the health of the hive and to ensure that you have not created a nuisance to others.
2. Complete the annual Honeybee Keeping License and Registration application form.
3. Provide annual License Fee payable to the City of Traverse City.  
\_\_\_\_\_ New Application (\$40.00 Fee)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Application (\$40.00 Fee) *(Notification is not required for renewal of a license.)*

**Information about the applicant:**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Applicant's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work #) (Home #)

Applicant's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I have read the Traverse City Code of Ordinances Section 610.01 pertaining to the keeping of honeybees and will abide by the conditions stated.
- Yes, I am educated about honeybee keeping best practices.
- Yes, I am aware of the following resources related to honeybee keeping:
  - Michigan Beekeepers' Association [www.michiganbees.org](http://www.michiganbees.org)
  - American Beekeeping Federation [www.abfnet.org](http://www.abfnet.org)

**The undersigned declares and say he/she wishes to be permitted to perform the operation, service, or act stated hereon and that the statements made above are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Further, the undersigned says that he/she will comply with all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Traverse City and the laws of the State of Michigan relative to the operation, service, or act for which this license is required during the period the license is in effect. The undersigned further agrees to hold the City of Traverse City free and harmless from all liability which may be imposed upon it, to reimburse the City of Traverse City for all expenses of litigation in connection with the**

**defense or act for which the license was issued. The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she has reviewed the rules and regulations.**

**The applicant acknowledges that the City may be required from time to time to release records in its possession. The applicant hereby gives permission to the City to release any records or materials received by the City from the applicant as it may be requested to do so as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Applicant's Signature