

**Annual Application Fee: \$25.00**

**APPLICATION AND PERMIT  
FOR BEEKEEPING**

- 1. Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Applicant's Phone No.: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Address of Use: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Size of Property (square footage or acreage): \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Total number of colonies/hives: \_\_\_\_\_  
(No more than six (6) colonies are allowed; based on applicable standards).
- 8. Please provide a detailed site plan on 8½ x 11 paper or on the reverse side of this application form.

(a) I hereby request permission to keep \_\_\_\_\_ bee colonies, as proposed above.

(b) Certifications received or pending (provide copies):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 9. Notification date to adjoining property owners: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please submit self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the Building & Planning Department for mailing)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Application

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

For Office Use Only:

DATE OF APPLICATION REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be after comment due date on notification letter).

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant was given a copy of the "Beekeeping Information Sheet" with applicable standards.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_ REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT  
FOR BEEKEEPING

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The following person has filed an application with the City of Colville expressing their intent to keep bees as proposed below, in accordance with Chapter 17.64.200 of the Colville Municipal Code:

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Property (square footage or acreage): \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of colonies/hives proposed: \_\_\_\_\_ See enclosed site plan for location of hives.  
(No more than six (6) colonies are allowed; based on applicable standards).

Justification (Please explain what characteristics of the proposal justify granting the request):

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The applicant is required to provide notification to all adjoining property owners, not including rights-of-way, at least 10 days prior to receiving permit approval from the city.

Please submit your questions or comments to the City of Colville Building & Planning Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

No response by this date will be considered as no objection to the approval of this application.

You may respond in writing or in person to:

Colville City Hall (509)684-5096  
Building & Planning Fax: (509)684-5030  
170 S. Oak Street  
Colville, WA 99114

The City website is: [www.colville.wa.us](http://www.colville.wa.us)  
See Building & Planning for e-mail addresses.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**City of Colville, WA**  
**Regulations for the Beekeeping**

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“Colony: A community of bees having a queen, thousands of workers, and during part of the year a number of drones; the bees that live together as one family in a structure; a hive. For the purposes of this ordinance, a single hive generally will have two brood chambers with several honey supers at times; not to exceed a ten-frame Langstroth design”.

Beekeeping will be allowed with the approval of an annual permit application (a \$25.00 permit fee) on any lot occupied by a single-family residence that is within any of the residential districts; subject to the ability to meet applicable standards and notification to adjoining property owners (not including right-of-way) at least 10 days prior to permit approval. Notification letters, including pre-addressed, stamped envelopes, will be submitted to the City of Colville Building & Planning Department for mailing.

**Standards Applicable to Beekeeping:**

**1) Location, Density and Maintenance of Colonies.**

- a. The minimum lot size where colonies may be kept is six thousand square feet. The number of colonies is limited to two colonies per six thousand square feet of lot area, up to a maximum of six colonies on lots of twelve thousand square feet or larger.
- b. Colonies shall be setback a minimum of twenty-five feet of any property line, except that a colony may be situated within ten feet of a side lot line or rear lot line provided the following provisions are met.
  - The beekeeper establishes and maintains a flyway barrier at least six feet in height consisting of a solid wall, solid fencing material, dense vegetation or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line and extends ten feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the colony, or
  - The colony is situated ten feet or more above the grade of the nearest adjoining property line.
  - Colonies shall be maintained in movable-frame hives with adequate space and management techniques to prevent overcrowding and swarming.
  - In any instance in which a colony exhibits aggressive or swarming behavior, the beekeeper must ensure that the colony is re-queened. Aggressive behavior is any instance in which unusual aggressive characteristics such as stinging or attacking without provocation occurs.
  - Every beekeeper shall maintain an adequate supply of water for bees located close to each colony.
  - An apiary (for beekeeping) shall be identified by placing a sign so it is visible to passers-by.
  - Registrations and Training.
    - 1) All colonies shall be registered with the director of the state department of agriculture pursuant to RCW 15.60.021 no later than April 1st of each year. Copies of the registration must be submitted to the city annually for proof of compliance.
    - 2) The beekeeper shall be currently enrolled in or have completed the requirements for apprenticeship level of the Washington State Beekeeper’s Association master beekeeper certification program and submit proof of compliance to the city.
    - 3) The beekeeper shall maintain membership with the Inland Empire Beekeepers Association or other comparable organization. Demonstration of continuous membership must be submitted to the city for proof of compliance.
  - There will be an annual application and permit fee to inspect site for compliance with these standards.
  - Violations of these standards are subject to a monetary penalty of up to \$250, in accordance with Chapter 1.10, Civil Penalties. If a violation is validated and the situation is not brought into compliance to the satisfaction of the City of Colville, then the permit will be revoked. The colonies must be removed. Any approved reinstallation of colonies will be subject to a one-year probationary period. If violations continue to occur, future applications may be denied.

*CMC Chapter 17.64.200, adopted December 11, 2012.*

**Please feel free to contact the Building & Planning Department if you need more information.**  
**170 S. Oak Street, Colville, WA 99114 ♦ (509)684-5096 / Fax: (509)684-5030**