

Does the City of Marion allow beekeeping?

The City allows residents to keep bees per Chapter 176.49 of the Marion Municipal Code.

Do I need a permit?

Yes, a Honey Bee Permit and Conditional Use approval are both required to keep bees. Applications can be obtained from the City's website, www.cityofmarion.org, or from the Planning and Development Department.

The Honey Bee Permit application and Conditional Use request must be submitted conjunction.



How many hives are allowed on one property?

Two hives are allowed on one property.

Are there size restrictions for the hive(s)?

A hive shall not exceed five (5) feet in height from grade. This includes the stand/platform where the hive rests.

Hives shall not exceed twenty (20) cubic feet in size.

What does the site plan need to include?

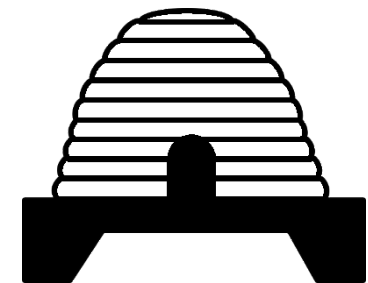
A standard site plan includes the following:

- An outline of the property with dimensions
- Primary structures located on the property and on adjacent properties within twenty (20) feet of the hive(s)
- The desired location and dimensions of the proposed hive(s)
- Distances from the hive(s) to property lines and public sidewalks and streets
- (If Required) Flyway zone location, material, and size

When is a flyway zone required?

A flyway zone is required when any ground level hive is within twenty (20) feet of any doors or windows of a principal building on an adjacent parcel AND the hive opening faces the doors and/or windows of the adjacent principal building.

- Flyway height must be a minimum of six (6) feet in height to direct bees above heads.
- Flyway must be three (3) feet or less from hive entrance AND extend at least two (2) feet in width on either side of the hive entrance.
- Permitted flyway material: dense hedge or bush, fence or other similar barrier.



If you are planning to sell any of your honey you may be subject to Chapter 176.49, Urban Agriculture of the Marion Municipal Code.

Honey Bees

Beekeeping resources:

- Iowa Honey Producers Association
www.abuzzaboutbees.com
www.BeeLaws.org
- East Central Iowa Beekeepers
<http://eastcentraliowabeekeepers.blogspot.com/>
- American Honey Producers Association
www.ahpanet.com
- American Beekeeping Federation
www.ABFnet.org
- National Honey Board
www.honey.com



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