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RESIDENTIAL BEEKEEPING HANDOUT

Note: This handout provides a basic overview of the residential beekeeping regulations. For the complete ordinance, reference the City Municipal Code Section 19.06.080(3)(4)&(5).

1) Ownership and Maintenance of Apiaries (Beekeeping)

- a. Must register and maintain an active license with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food. For the application go to: <http://ag.utah.gov/documents/1201a.pdf>
- b. A suitable source of water must be available continuously between March 1 and October 31.
- c. Hives are only permitted in the rear or backyard.
- d. Hives shall be placed in a way that directs the flight pattern away from contact with humans and domesticated animals.
- e. Hives shall not be located on property owned or occupied by another person without obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.
- f. Bee comb and beekeeping equipment shall be promptly stored within a bee-proof enclosure or disposed of in a sealed container.
- g. It is the beekeeper’s responsibility to make attempts to prevent swarming.
- h. Apiaries shall not be kept in a manner that creates a nuisance.

2) Requirements for hives located in R-1-10, R-1-8, R-1-6, R-S, or A zoning districts on one (1) acre or less

- a. Hives shall be setback a minimum of five feet (5’) from any property line and public right-of-way.
- b. Hives shall be a minimum of six inches (6”) above the average grade with the total height not to exceed six feet (6’).
- c. A **flyway barrier*** is required when any aspect of a hive is located within twenty-five feet (25’) of any property line or public right-of-way. Flyway barrier(s) must be six feet (6’) in height, adjacent to the hive(s) and extend a minimum of ten feet (10’) in length beyond the hive.
- d. Permitted number of hives shown in TABLE 1.

TABLE 1	
Lot Size	Permitted Number of Hives
0 – 10,890 sq ft	Up to 3 hives
10,891 – 21,780 sq ft	Up to 5 hives
21,781 – 32,670 sq ft	Up to 6 hives
32,671 – 43,560 sq ft	Up to 8 hives

3) Requirements for hives located in A and R-S zoning districts on lots larger than one (1) acre

- a. Hives shall be setback a minimum of ten feet (10’) from any property line and public right-of-way.
- b. Hives shall be set back a minimum of fifty feet (50’) from any primary residential structure on any adjacent lot.
- c. Hives shall be placed in a way that directs the flight pattern away from contact with humans and domesticated animals.
- d. Hives must be a minimum of six inches (6”) above the ground.
- e. The keeping of apiaries for commercial purposes is permitted.
- f. A **flyway barrier*** is required when any aspect of a hive is located within twenty-five feet (25’) of any property line or public right-of-way. Flyway barrier(s) must be six feet (6’) in height, adjacent to the hive(s) and extend a minimum of ten feet (10’) in length beyond the hive.
- g. Permitted number of hives shown in TABLE 2.

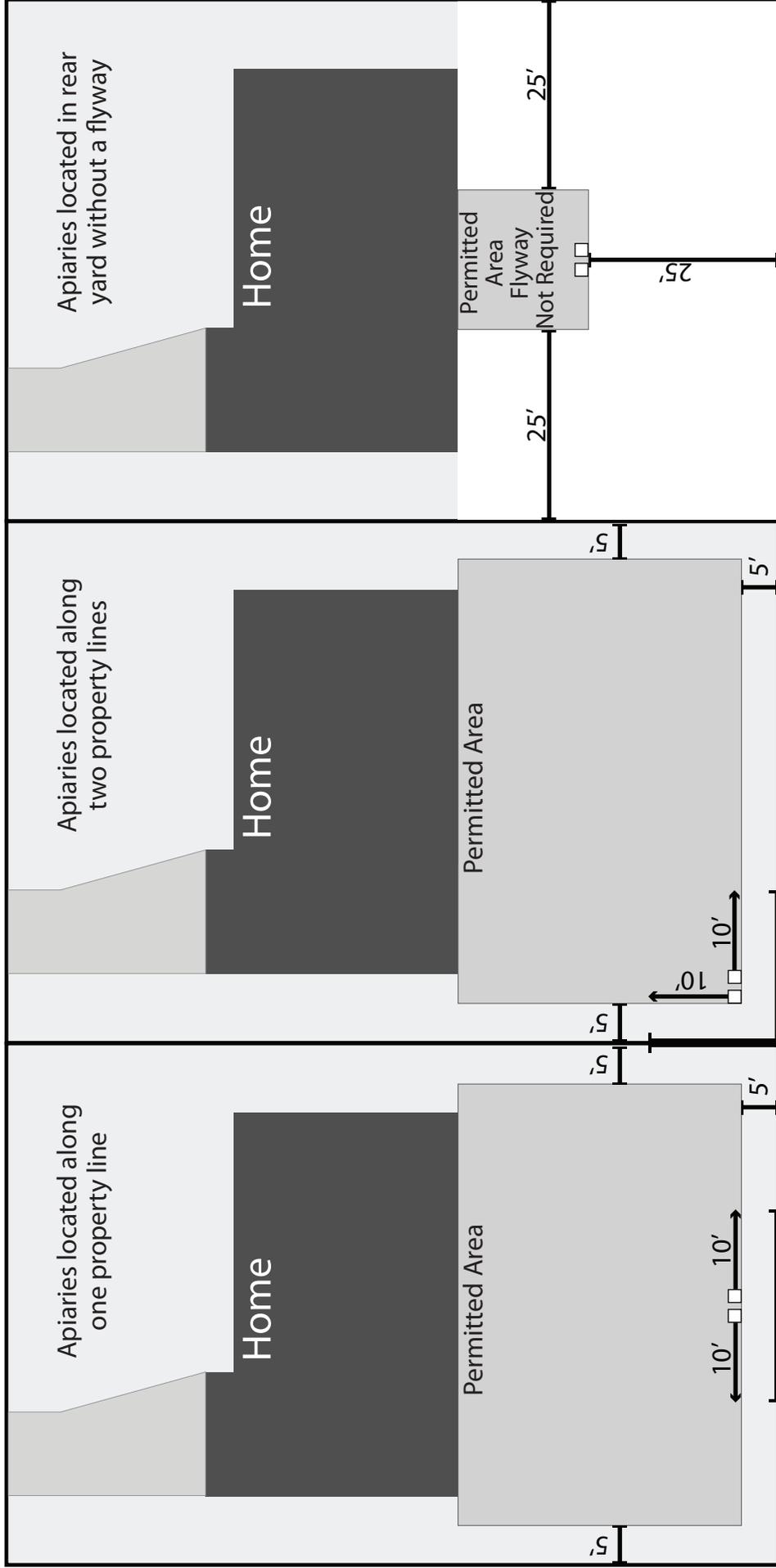
TABLE 2	
Lot Size	Permitted Number of Hives
43,561 sq ft or larger	No Limit

* Flyway barrier: A solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof which modifies the bee flight pattern.

Apiary Setback & Flyway Requirements



Hive



Flyway extends 10' each direction and is 6' in height

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Flyway not required when apiaries are 25' from side and rear property lines