

## **PERMIT PROCEDURE FOR KEEPING OF BEES (RESIDENTIAL)**

New, replacing, or relocating requires a permit

**Before applying for a permit please read and submit all of the following items for review:**

**Zoning Permit Application**

**Two (2) copies of a current to-scale Property Survey** – showing property lines, yard offset dimensions, right of ways, and all applicable accessory structures. Survey shall have the surveyor's name and seal. A typical to-scale survey is on 8-1/2"x14" (legal size) paper. Photos of survey will not be accepted.

**Two (2) copies of Bee Hive Details** – showing proof of compliance of the following:

- Sketch the location of the Bee Hive(s) on the survey and show all dimensions and distances from property lines.
- Hive(s) shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from any side or rear lot line and must be closer to the principal structure than to any side or rear lot line. Hive(s) shall not be located in a front yard.
- Water. All Beekeepers in the Municipality shall ensure that a convenient source of fresh water is available to the bees from March 1 to November 1 so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, pet watering bowls, bird baths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic contact.
- Flyway barrier. A Flyway barrier, at least six feet in height shall be placed along the side of the Hive(s) that contains the entrance to the Hive(s), shall be located within five feet of the Hive(s) and shall extend at least two feet on either side of the Hive(s). A Flyway barrier shall consist of a solid panel, dense vegetation, or some combination thereof.



**Standards for Bee Keeping**

- The number of Hives authorized shall comply with the following: For 2,000 square feet of any residential parcel, up to two Hives. For each additional 2,000 square feet of any residential parcel two additional Hives up to a maximum of six.

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- All beekeepers owning or maintaining an Apiary in the Municipality shall register all bee apiaries with the Department as required by the Pennsylvania Law, 3 Pa.C.S.A. §2102, as amended.
- All beekeepers owning or maintaining an Apiary in the Municipality shall also register all apiaries with the municipal zoning officer.
- All beekeepers owning or maintaining an Apiary in the Municipality shall practice those best management practices as set forth by the Department.
- It shall be unlawful to maintain or be the owner of an Apiary located in the Municipality without first obtaining from the Department a Best Management Certification and executing the Department Compliance Agreement for Beekeepers. The Compliance Agreement must be filed with the registration with the Municipality. In addition, a certificate of completion from an introductory Beekeeping 101 course (or equivalent) must be provided with the registration.
- All beekeepers owning or maintaining an Apiary in the Municipality shall promptly notify the municipal zoning officer without unnecessary delay and in no event longer than 48 hours if the Department revokes such beekeeper's Best Management Certification.
- A Hive that is not occupied for a period of one year must be removed.

**Please note this is a guide and may not be all inclusive.**

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# ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

MT LEBANON INSPECTION OFFICE  
 710 Washington Road  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
 412-343-3408

**PERMIT #** \_\_\_\_\_

*This section to be completed by the Inspection Office*

Zoning Hearing \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District \_\_\_\_\_ Allegheny County Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications completely filled-out & with the required supporting documents will be processed in the order they are received.**

<b>Project Site</b>	Address _____
<b>Owner of the Property</b>	Name _____ Address _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____
<b>Contractor Information</b>	Name _____ Address _____ ZIP _____ Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____
<b>Describe Project</b>	_____ _____ _____ Total Square Feet (proposed construction only) _____ <b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: IF PROJECT REQUIRES MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION, EACH APPLICATION MUST HAVE ITS OWN ESTIMATED COST. \$</b> _____
<p>I hereby agree to be bound by the provisions of the ordinances, specifications, regulations and restrictions as may be imposed by Mt. Lebanon regarding this application. I verify that the statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand that any false statements herein are made subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa. C. S. Â§4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.</p> <p>APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED</p> <p>Property Owner or Representative _____ Date _____</p>	