

Muscatine

Code 10-29-6 Keeping of Hives or Colonies of Bees

Keeping of hives or colonies of bees is permitted subject to the following:

- A.** No more than 2 hives per acre are permitted.
- B.** Hives or colonies of bees shall be kept in a manner inaccessible to the general public.
- C.** Hives or colonies of bees shall be kept in a manner so that bee movements to and from the hive does not interfere with the ordinary movements of persons on adjacent properties or the public right-of-way.
- D.** Hives shall be located at least 60 feet from the nearest property line. The front of any beehive shall face away from the property line of the residential property closest to the beehive.
- E.** A supply of fresh water shall be maintained in a location readily accessible to all bee colonies on the site throughout the day to prevent bees from congregating at neighboring swimming pools or other sources of water on nearby properties.
- F.** In the event a hive exhibits unusual aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits unusual disposition toward swarming, the beekeeper shall promptly re-queen the colony. Queens shall be selected from European stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics.
- G.** No Africanized bees may be kept on a property under the regulations of this section.

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