

TOWN OF GREENBURGH BEEKEEPER REGISTRATION FORM

The Town of Greenburgh requires persons keeping honeybees (*Apis mellifera*) to complete a Registration Process consistent with the related local law adopted by Town Board on April 3, 2018.

Please be advised that commencing, April 3, 2018, all Town of Greenburgh residents who seek to keep honeybees are required to register with the Department of Community Development and Conservation on an annual basis, by March 1st. On top of the form please indicate “New” if registering for the first time or “Annual” for the annual registration. Furthermore, any changes to the information already provided in the form should be reported to the Department of Community Development and Conservation at least 10 business days prior to any changes associated with the registration. Indicate “Revision” on top of the form for these changes. The fee for initial registration is \$100. Please call if you have any questions.

Please return the signed and completed form to:

Town of Greenburgh
Commissioner, Department of Community Development & Conservation
177 Hillside Avenue
Greenburgh, NY 10607
Phone: (914) 989-1538
Email: planzone@greenburghny.com

Beekeepers are required to adhere to appropriate beekeeping practices including, but not limited to complying with all provisions of Section 285-36U. of the Town of Greenburgh Zoning Ordinance.

Town of Greenburgh beekeepers must also complete the “Survey of New York State Beekeeper and Apiary Yard Location Data” available at: <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/PI/PI-134B.pdf> (attached)

A COPY OF THE BEEKEEPER CONTACT INFORMATION REQUIRED AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS SHALL ADDITIONALLY BE LAMINATED AND KEPT WITHIN 5 FT OF THE REGISTERED APIARY OR APIARIES

The Town of Greenburgh will provide a letter of notification that each prospective beekeeper must mail to adjacent or abutting neighbor in advance of the finalization of the registration process, consistent with the requirements of 285-36U.

New Submission

Yearly Submission

Revision

Beekeeper Contact Information

Last Name First Name

Address

Town/City State Zip Code

Telephone #1 Telephone #2 Fax

Email Address

Emergency Contact Information

Last Name First Name

Telephone #1 Telephone #2

Beehive Location

Number of Colonies _____

Type of Location: Backyard Side

Address

Town/City State Zip Code

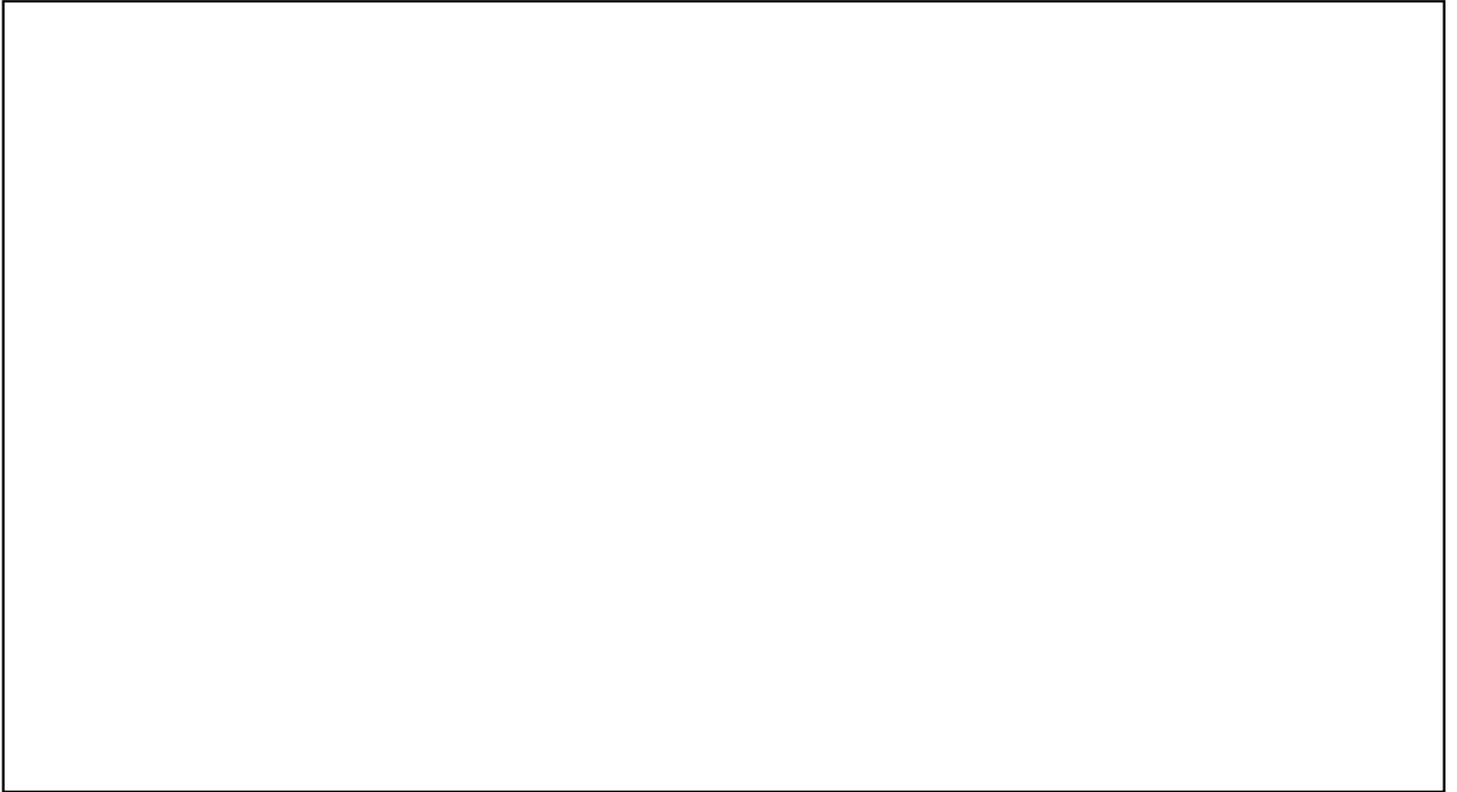
Parcel ID Number

Telephone #1 Telephone #2 Fax

Signature (Applicant)

Date

Please sketch a map below showing where the honey bee hives are proposed to be located and mark hive locations with an X. Please show buildings, street names, and other important landmarks. A copy of the tax map and related aerial photo is available at the following link, and is recommended to be used as a supplement to any sketch below. <https://www.axisgis.com/greenburghny/>





TOWN of GREENBURGH

Local Law No. /2017

A local law amending Chapter 285 of the Code of the Town of Greenburgh entitled “Zoning” pursuant to New York State Constitution Article IX and New York Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10, New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8 (SEQR).

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Greenburgh:

- § 1. **Title.**
- § 2. **Legislative Findings and Intent.**
- § 3. **Amendment to § 285-10A(3)(h).**
- § 4. **Amendment to § 285-36.**
- § 5. **Supersession.**
- § 6. **Severability.**
- § 7. **Effective Date.**

§ 1. Title.

This law is entitled “A local law amending Chapter 285, of the Code of the Town of Greenburgh, entitled “Zoning”

§ 2. Legislative Findings and Intent.

The Town Board of the Town of Greenburgh finds it in the best interest of the Town to amend Chapter 285 of the Code of the Town of Greenburgh to remove the restriction against beekeeping, and permit such practice in a safe manner in the Town of Greenburgh.

§ 3. Amendments to Section 285-10A(3)(h): R-40 One-Family Residence District.

Section 285-10A(3)(h) of the Code of the Town of Greenburgh is hereby amended as follows (deleted text in strikeout; new text underlined):

A. Permitted uses.

(3) Accessory uses.

(h) On a lot containing a farm, the keeping of one horse or one cow per acre and a reasonable number of other farm animals, but excluding pigs, bees and fowl.

§ 4. Amendments to Chapter 285-36: Supplementary use regulations.

U. Beekeeping. The keeping of bees, upon registration through the Department of Community Development and Conservation, subject to the following:

(1) Beekeeping shall be limited to the keeping of Honey Bees on properties of at least 10,000 sq. ft., in the One-Family Residence Districts.

(2) Apiaries, which shall constitute a hive or hive-like structure having removable frames specifically designed, constructed and maintained for purposes of housing a Bee Colony, shall be located at least twenty feet from any property line, excluding the front property line. However, no Apiaries are permitted in a front yard. The Apiary's entrance must face away from the property line closest to the beehive and must be situated to avoid unreasonable interference with pedestrian traffic. In instances where an abutting resident provides medical documentation of a serious allergy to bee stings, to the satisfaction of the Town Attorney, the Apiary shall be located at least 250 feet from any property line. All Bee Colonies shall be kept in appropriately sized, designed and maintained Apiaries which shall be kept and maintained at all time in sound and usable condition. The prospective beekeeper shall have, or cause to have, a physical barrier such as a fence or hedgerow along an appropriate portion or entirety of the nearest property line of the Apiary. The orientation and location of the hives and applicable physical barrier shall be inspected by, and to the satisfaction of, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Development and Conservation.

(3) Applicants must notify adjacent property owners and the current resident at the abutting address, by U.S. Mail, both by first class and by certified return receipt, at least one month prior to the registration process with the Department of Community Development and Conservation, notifying them of their intent to register, and maintain an apiary or apiaries. A copy of a standard notification will be provided by the Department of Community Development and Conservation. A list of mailings shall be submitted as part of the Town registration process.

(4) On lots 10,000 sq. ft. to 40,000 sq. ft. no more than two Apiaries shall be permitted. On lots greater than 40,000 sq. ft. no more than four Apiaries shall be permitted.

(5) Commercial signage associated with any Apiary is prohibited.

(6) It shall be the duty of every Beekeeper: (a) to be educated in and strictly adhere to best management practices; (b) to maintain Bees, Bee Colonies and Apiaries in a location and condition that will prevent diseases, and abandonment of the Apiary. Evidence of completed educational/training programs by the prospective beekeeper must be provided in connection with the applicable registration form, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Development and Conservation.

(7) All Apiaries shall be registered annually with the Department of Community Development on forms provided or approved by the Town; the purposes of such registration being to maintain a record of the number and location of each Apiary, to obtain the most current contact and credential/education information in connection with each Beekeeper and to obtain a certification from each Beekeeper acknowledging receipt of a copy of this Chapter and the most current rules and regulations that may be promulgated pursuant to this Chapter. A Beekeeper shall provide to the Department of Community Development and Conservation, any updates to the information contained in the annual registration within 10 days of any change, including but not limited to the abandonment or potential change in location of any Apiary.

(8) Any beekeeper that violates any provisions of the registration/beekeeping process is subject to a revocation of their registration by the Building Inspector, following a finding by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Development and Conservation that the beekeeping activity unreasonably interferes with persons residing on adjacent property and/or constitutes a nuisance.

§ 5. Supersession:

Pursuant to New York Municipal Home Rule Law Section 22, this law is intended to supersede any other inconsistent provision of law.

§ 6. Severability:

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or the application to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or its application to the person or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

§ 7. Effective Date:

This law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.