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Beekeeping Registration Form

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Deekeeper Information							
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WCC Section 10.48.110(9) Beekeeping.

- **a**. All colonies shall be registered with the Washington State Department of Agriculture in accordance with RCW 15.60. The terms "apiary", "colony", and "hive" as used in this section shall have the meanings set forth in RCW 15.60.005.
- b. No more than six (6) hives may be located on a lot.
- c. No hive may exceed twenty (20) cubic feet in volume.
- d. No hive shall be located closer than three (3) feet from any property line.
- e. No hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from a public sidewalk or twenty-five (25) feet from a primary structure on an abutting lot.;
- f. Hives brought in temporarily for commercial agricultural/orchard operations are exempt from the requirements of this section.
- g. Bees living in buildings or any other space (except in movable frame hives), or abandoned colonies shall constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated as set forth in this section.
- h. Non-compliance with the provisions of this section shall be abated in conformance with Title 16, Code Enforcement.
- i. Hives or colonies of bees shall be kept in a manner in which they are inaccessible to the general public and so that bee movements to and from the hive do not interfere with the ordinary movements of persons on adjacent properties or the public right-of-way.
- j. Hive, Apiary Management Requirements:
 - v. Colonies shall be maintained in movable-frame hives at all times;

vi. A consistent source of water shall be provided at the apiary;

vii. A flyaway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall shield any part of a property line that is within twenty-five (25) feet of a hive. The flyway barrier shall consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof and it shall be positioned to transect both legs of a triangle extending from an apex at the hive to each end point of the part of the property line to be shielded. (See diagram below created by the City of Madison, WI Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development) viii. Property owners are required to self-register with the City of Wenatchee Community and Economic Development Department prior to hives being located on a site. Self- registration shall include a signed acknowledgement on a form provided by the City of Wenatchee that the beekeeper will comply with the provisions of this section.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with Wenatchee City Code (WCC) Section 10.48.110(9) provided above.

Signature Date

