

TULARE COUNTY BEE ORDINANCES

1. Have written permission to occupy land where the apiary is located.
2. Boundaries:
 - a. 20 feet from the right-of-way of a county road or state highway.
 - b. 1/4 mile from the outside boundary of any school or park.
 - c. 200 feet from any occupied residence or building unless beekeeper has written permission from occupants allowing lesser distance.
 - d. 200 feet from a swimming pool or air strip used on a regular basis.
3. The *owner or person in possession of an apiary* shall provide bees with an adequate supply of water that is suitable for bees and in immediate proximity to the apiary.
4. Vehicle transporting bees:
 - a. Shall be parked or bees shall be netted in such a way that bees are not a nuisance to people or animals surrounding parked vehicle.
 - b. Any vehicle servicing any apiary within Tulare County shall have vehicle identified with name, address and phone number in letters not less than one inch in a color contrasting with its background. This does not apply to vehicles that are not stopping in Tulare County.
5. Name, address and phone number prominently displayed on all apiary entrances.

PENALTIES:

#1-#4 ABOVE ARE INFRACTIONS AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE FINED UP TO \$100 FOR FIRST CONVICTION, \$200 FOR SECOND CONVICTION AND \$500 FOR THIRD CONVICTION
#5 ABOVE IS A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINED UP TO \$1,000 AND/OR NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS IN JAIL.

CALIFORNIA FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE (IN PART)

1. No person shall make honey available to bees by means of open air feeding.
2. No person shall possess any comb which is not occupied by a live bee colony unless the comb is tightly enclosed to prevent access to the comb by bees.
3. No person shall maintain or operate a diseased colony of bees.
4. No person shall expose any comb or honey from a diseased colony of bees.
5. Every infested apiary is a public nuisance subject to abatement.

PENALTIES:

ABOVE NON COMPLIANCES ARE INFRACTIONS AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE FINED \$100 FOR THE FIRST CONVICTION AND \$1.00 FOR EACH HIVE NOT IN COMPLIANCE UP TO \$1,000.

Example of Beekeeper in Compliance

