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Champaign County Board,  
Zoning Department

I am a resident of the County living on Burwell Street. We have had problems with bees at our house. I know it is normal to see a few occasionally but this is different because our neighbor has bee-hives. We are zoned residential not agricultural. The lots are too small and the houses too close for this to work well.

We have had problems with bees swarming our humming bird feeders and our bird baths. We are 83 and 84 and enjoy sitting on our porch and watching the birds. We had neighbors visiting on our porch who got up and left because of bees. Also bees leave a yellow streak on our cars. It hardens on the car in the warmer months. It is almost impossible to get off. We wash our own cars. Other neighbors and their grandchildren have been stung. Those with swimming pools can not enjoy them.

Bee hives should be kept in rural areas not residential. Please help us.

Sincerely - Joan Mathis Robert Mathis

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I AM A Resident OF THE COUNTY LIVING ON Barnes street.

WE HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH BEES AT OUR HOUSE. I KNOW IT IS NORMAL TO SEE BEES ONCE IN A WHILE BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE OUR NEIGHBOR HAS SEVERAL BEE HIVES.

WE ARE ZONED RESIDENTIAL NOT AGRICULTURAL, WE HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THESE BEES STINGING OUR GREAT GRAND KIDS WHILE SWIMMING AND PLAYING IN THE SMALL PLASTIC POOLS AND STEPPING ON THE BEES IN THE YARD AROUND THEIR POOL WHEN THEY GET OUT. WHEN THEY WALK ON THE SIDEWALK BAREFOOTED, ALSO. THEY COVER OUR DECK WHEN WE TRY TO EAT OUT ON THE DECK. THEY BOTHER OUR FRIEND WHEN WE HAVE THEM COME OVER TO VISIT OUTSIDE ALSO. WE CAN'T POUR WATER IN THE BIRD BATH ANY MORE BECAUSE THEY COVER THEM UP COMPLETELY. OUR CARS AND TRUCK ARE WHITE AND THE CRAP ALL OVER THEM AND YOU CAN'T JUST WASH IT OFF WITH WATER AND SOAP IT HAS TO BE HOT WATER. OUR HEDGES AND GARAGE DOORS ARE WHITE ALSO AND THEY REALLY MAKE A MESS. WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO BE NICE NEIGHBORS AND GET RID OF SOME OF THEIR HIVES BUT THAT DID NOT WORK. SO I AM ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO LIMIT THEIR BEE BUSINESS OPERATION. THEY SHOULD DO THIS IN A NON RESIDENTIAL AREA. PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS PROBLEM.

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