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## Honey Bee Colony Removal Terms and Pricing

### Pricing

- A. **If the bee colony is local, exposed, and accessible**, and within 20 miles of Chapin, then there is no charge. By “exposed and accessible” we mean hanging outside in a ball on a branch where we can get them easily. We do not remove bees over 12 feet in the air. Over 20 miles there is a mileage charge of \$.50/mile. We ask you to send us an image of the swarm.
  
- B. **If the bee colony is inside any structure**, the following fees apply:
  - a. The min fee is \$199 and includes up to 2 hours of removal.
  - b. Each hour (or part of an hour) after 2 hours is \$100/hr.
  - c. Bees often go deeper into a structure than most people realize and may require more than 2 hours of work. Most jobs are 2-3 hours.
  - d. If we remove the bees, it is assumed that we will relocate the bees at our apiary.
  - e. Payments are due the day of work, and we accept cards, cash, and Venmo.

## Bee Removal Policy & Terms

### 1. Introduction

Honey Top Bees LLC provides honey bee removal services with a commitment to environmental sustainability and the well-being of the bee population. This policy outlines the terms and conditions governing our bee removal services. We only remove honey bees, not any other type of bee.

**Important: Honey Top Bees LLC is a beekeeping company, and Ray is a beekeeper - not a building contractor.** Our role is to attempt to remove the bees and relocate them to safety. However, bee removal usually requires the removal and or cutting of walls, sheetrock, panels, soffit, boards etc. Structures likely will be exposed or damaged in the process of accessing bees and as a result, these will need to be repaired or replaced by the customer. If the customer is not comfortable with us doing what is needed to access the bees, the customer will need to provide a contractor to perform the work to expose the colony. Our fees and services do NOT include restoring, rebuilding, or replacing anything that was removed or damaged to access the bees.

## 2. Scope of Services

Our bee removal service includes the humane and safe removal of bee colonies from residential and commercial properties. We employ environmentally friendly methods to relocate the bees to appropriate habitats to ensure their survival and contribute to the preservation of these vital pollinators.

## 3. Service Process

- **Inspection: If needed** Ray will inspect to assess the extent of the bee infestation and identify the most suitable removal method. At this time any special equipment that may be rented by the customer will be communicated. Just as a lift.
- **Removal:** We will employ non-lethal techniques to remove the bee colony, minimizing harm to the bees. We do not use harmful pesticides or chemicals that could endanger the health of the bees or the environment. We try to remove the bees in one visit, but if the colony is deep in a structure it may require multiple visits.
- **NOTE: We typically get the comb, the queen, and about 90-95% of the bees.** Some are going to be out foraging and so it is not possible to get 100%. The remaining bees will disperse over the course of a few days.
- **Transportation:** Bees will be transported to our apiary.

## 4. Client Responsibilities

Clients are required to:

- Provide accurate information about the bee infestation.
- Cooperate with our beekeepers during the inspection and removal process.
- Be onsite to approve any invasive measures to the structure needed to access the bees.
- Employ contractors to repair any structure affected by the removal.

- Rent a lift if the bees are above ground level.

## **6. Fees and Payments**

Payment is due upon completion of the removal service. See the fee schedule at the top of this document.

## **7. Liability**

While we take precautions to ensure a safe removal process, Ray Hewitt / Honey Top Bees LLC is NOT liable for any damages to structure, property, nor injuries. Please refer to the introduction for important information related to this.

## **8. Policy Updates**

Honey Top Bees LLC reserves the right to update this policy as necessary. By availing our bee removal services, clients agree to adhere to the terms outlined in this policy.

Thank you for choosing Honey Top Bees for your honey bee removal needs!

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_