



Honeybee Removal Contract

This agreement will serve as a legally binding contract between _____, known hereafter as “Property Owner” and the Commonwealth Bee Company, LLC, known hereafter as “Commonwealth Bee” or “Beekeepers” for the purposes of honeybee removal from a structure.

The Property Owner authorizes the Commonwealth Bee Company, its owners, employees or designees to remove an active honeybee colony, or colonies from the property located at:

_____.

Description of Services

Commonwealth Bee will make their best effort to remove all comb to ensure no honey or brood remain to attract pests or cause damage. The Beekeeper(s) will make the best effort to remove as many honeybees from the property as possible. 100% removal of all honeybees belonging to this particular colony may not be possible because a portion of the colony will be out collecting nectar and pollen. When these bees eventually return to the hive location to find their colony missing, they will usually disperse within 24-48 hours. In order to attract these residual bees away from the cavity formerly occupied by the bees and to clean out any residual honey remaining the cavity, the beekeeper may leave a beehive at the site for a day or two after the removal is complete.

Disassembly and Destruction of Property

The Property Owner understands that bee colony removal may require disassembly of, or damage to, parts of walls, floors, ceilings, roof, interior, exterior, tree, or other parts of the honeybee-inhabited cavity in order to remove the honeybees and honeycomb from the cavity. This could include irreversible damage to drywall, siding, framing, or other physical areas on the property. The Beekeeper will make the best effort to minimize damage to the structure.

The Property Owner understands that Commonwealth Bee will not perform repairs nor be held responsible for any repair work required resulting from the honeybee colony removal effort or from accidental damage. The Property Owner understands that all repairs are his and/or her responsibility. The Property Owner understands that his and/or her repairman performing the repairs must promptly seal up the cavity and cavity entrance properly to ensure that no other colony of honeybees will find and inhabit the same location in the future. It is the Property Owner’s sole responsibility to communicate this information to the contractor.

The Property Owner understands he or she is urged to obtain an estimate of repair costs prior to the commencement of bee removal. The Beekeeper will consult with the repairman at no charge to ensure the repairman knows what the Beekeeper expects to do.

Release of Liability

Commonwealth Bee relieves the Property Owner of any liability should an accident occur causing injury to the Beekeeper or damage to his/her equipment while performing bee removal services provided such injury is not the result of the Property Owner’s negligence or deliberate act.

The Property Owner relieves the Beekeeper of any liability should any person on or near the property receive a bee sting during or after the bee removal process and will take necessary steps to restrict access to the removal site.

Additionally, the Property Owner holds harmless the Commonwealth Bee Company, its employees and designees and releases them from any liability related to the destruction of property. This include any damage done to the structure or utilities during the course of the bee removal.

Transfer of Property

The Property Owner understands that the bee colony, comb, and honey become the property of Commonwealth Bee once the removal process begins.

Disclosure of Pesticide Use

The Property Owner will not apply any pesticides or other harmful substances on or near the bee colony or on any blooming plants on the property until after the Beekeeper reports that the removal work is complete. The Property Owner must disclose any pesticide use prior to removal.

Photo/ Video Release

The Property Owner grants the Commonwealth Bee Company permission to use the photographs for any legal use, including but not limited to: Publicity, copyright purposes, illustrations, advertising, and web content. Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Payment for Services

The Property Owner agrees to Commonwealth Bee for their services by the following terms, identified by a checkmark.

Flat Rate of _____ for the removal. An initial service fee of \$100 is charged to come out and inspect the swarm and property. Should all parties agree to the removal plan, the \$100 is applied to the total flat rate.

Hourly rate of \$100 per hour while work is under way with a maximum of \$_____. Payment in full is due when the removal procedure is complete.

Other arrangements as described below:

Initials: Property Owner: _____ Commonwealth Bee: _____

The Property Owner acknowledges additional fees and costs may be associated with the removal. These upcharges will be discussed prior to moving forward with the removal.

Property Owner Signature

Commonwealth Bee