



Temporary Goat Grazing Permit Application

Section 1: Application Guidelines

This handout is a condensed version of the complete set of permit requirements stated in City Code 5-4-15 and is only intended to be used as an application guide.

PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Submit a completed application, required attachments, and pay the \$50 permit fee by following the "Application Checklist" instructions above.
2. The city will review the application within 10 business days. The city may deny the permit if the application is incomplete, contains false or deceptive statements, or does not meet the complete set of permit requirements stated in City Code 5-4-15.
3. Once the application is approved and the \$50 permit fee has been received, the City will mail a notice to adjacent property owners. This notice will include the following information:
 - a. Street address of property on which prescribed grazing will occur
 - b. Permit duration dates
 - c. Emergency contact of goats owners and company name
 - d. Contact information for city staff
4. Installation of temporary fence and prescribed grazing may begin 7 days after the postmarked date of mailed neighbor notifications. City staff will inform the property owner and the goat owner of the date work may begin by email.

PERMIT PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY:

- Purpose: This goat grazing permit allows the temporary use of a limited number of goats for invasive and noxious vegetation control.
- Eligible Properties: No goats are allowed on a property unless a goat grazing permit has been issued, or the property is zoned E-1 or A. A permit may be granted to a parcel that is 0.5 acres or more in size; unless a prescribed grazing area that is contiguous and greater than 0.5 acre located on more than one parcel.

INSURANCE AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS:

- Liability Insurance: The goat owner must have and maintain insurance coverage for claims arising from prescribed goat grazing in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate. The goat owner is responsible for any damage caused by goats used for prescribed goat grazing purposes.
- Monitoring: The goat owner must respond to any emergency complaints or concerns at any time of day or night.
- Odor and cleanliness: The property must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition that is free from offensive odors, fly breeding, dust, and general nuisance conditions. Goat manure must be removed and disposed of as frequently as necessary to avoid nuisance conditions.

- Noise: Goats that bleat for repeated intervals of at least five minutes with less than one minute of interruption are not allowed if it is audible off the property.
- Feeding and care of goats: All supplemental goat feed must be stored in water-tight and vermin-proof containers. Goats must have daily access to fresh drinking water (not from nearby lakes, ponds, etc.), receive proper veterinary treatment, and regular deworming. If a goat becomes ill, hurt, or perishes, the goat owner must provide immediate on-site care or remove the goat from the property.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

- Permit Duration: Permit may be issued for a maximum of thirty consecutive days, twice within a calendar year. A second permit may be issued thirty days after the first permit expires.
- Number of goats: A permit allows a maximum of two goats per every one-tenth acre. Only females, neutered male goats or unneutered male goats less than six months old that accompany female goats are allowed.

SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- Proper enclosures: The grazing area must be fully enclosed for the duration of the permit. Fencing must prevent escape by goats and protect the goats from predatory animals. All sides of the enclosure must be sufficient height and the bottom of the enclosures must be constructed to prevent the goats from escaping. It is a violation of the permit for any goat to run at large during the duration of this permit.
 - o Permanent enclosures: Permanent enclosures may be used but must comply with the regulations of the zoning district in which they are located.
 - o Temporary enclosures: The following conditions must be met for temporary fencing:
 - No more than seven feet tall.
 - Electric fences may be used but require a double fence system with a non-electric outer fence. There must be four feet between the electric and non-electric outer fence. Generators may not be used as a power source for the electric fencing.
 - Removed within seven days of goats being removed.
 - Outer fence may be located up to the property line of the permitted lot but cannot be located within any public or private right-of-way.
- Signage: The goat owner must install and maintain signage for the duration of the permit as follows:
 - o Located on each side of the enclosed area and visible to the public.
 - o Contain emergency contact information for the goat owner.
 - o Setback at least ten feet from property line if freestanding, or placed on the enclosure fence.
 - o Any electric fence must have a warning sign posted every fifty feet along each side of the fence. The warning sign must clearly identify the electric fence when approaching and be posted within one foot of the electric fence. No single sign can exceed four square feet in area.
- Shelter: Temporary shelters may be allowed subject to staff review.

- Natural resources protection: Grazing must not adversely affect significant natural resources and comply with the following:
 - Follow best management practices of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District, and all other pertinent agencies.
 - Water quality must not be impaired as defined by the Federal Clean Water Act.
 - Threatened or endangered plant species must not be negatively impacted.
 - Follow shoreland and wetland regulations stated in the City Code.
- Conservation easements: Conservation easement requirements must be met if applicable. Permit will be denied if grazing is not allowed by terms of the easement.

INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT OF TERMS:

- If a violation of the permit terms is found, the city will notify the goat owner and property owner. The violation must be remedied within 24 hours of the notice being distributed or the permit may be revoked.
- A permit is not transferable and is solely designated to the property and goat owner listed on the permit.
- The grazing site must always be open to city inspections when the permit is active

Section 2: Property Owner Information

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION			
FULL NAME:			
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
PLEASE NOTE: THE CITY WILL DELIVER ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY EMAIL, INCLUDING PERMIT STATUS.			

PROPERTY OWNER #2 INFORMATION			
FULL NAME:			
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
PLEASE NOTE: THE CITY WILL DELIVER ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY EMAIL, INCLUDING PERMIT STATUS.			

PROPERTY OWNER #3 INFORMATION			
FULL NAME:			
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
PLEASE NOTE: THE CITY WILL DELIVER ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY EMAIL, INCLUDING PERMIT STATUS.			
ALSO NOTE: IF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY OWNERS ARE APPLYING, PLEASE ATTACH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR THOSE PROPERTIES.			

Section 3: Goat Owner Information

GOAT OWNER INFORMATION			
FULL NAME:			
ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
NON-EMERGENCY PHONE #:	24-HOUR EMERGENCY PHONE #:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
PLEASE NOTE: THE CITY WILL DELIVER ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY EMAIL, INCLUDING PERMIT STATUS.			

Section 4: Prescribed Grazing Site Information

PROPERTY INFORMATION	
PROPERTY #1 STREET ADDRESS:	NUMBER OF GRAZING ACRES:
PROPERTY #2 STREET ADDRESS:	NUMBER OF GRAZING ACRES:
PROPERTY #3 STREET ADDRESS:	NUMBER OF GRAZING ACRES:
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GOATS ON SITE:	DATES GOATS WILL BE ON PREMISE(S):
DATE TEMPORARY FENCING WILL BE INSTALLED (IF APPLICABLE):	
LIST OF VEGETATION ON SITE THAT WILL BE CONTROLLED BY GOATS:	

A property owner is responsible for determining if their homeowner's association prohibits the use of goats for prescribed grazing. Have you confirmed with your homeowner's association that goats are allowed to be used for prescribed grazing on your property as stated in this application?

	Yes
	No

Section 5: Payment Information

A \$50 permit fee is required to process this application. Please select how you will pay this permit fee.

Pay by cash, check or credit card in-person at Inver Grove Heights City Hall, 8150 Barbara Ave., MN 55077. If paying by check, please make check out to "City of Inver Grove Heights" and add memo: "Goats: [your site address]".

Pay by check via mail. Please make check out to "City of Inver Grove Heights" and add memo: "Goats [your site address]". Then mail check to: Attn: Ally Sutherland, 8150 Barbara Ave., MN 55077.

Section 6: Notice and Property Owner Signature

I declare that the information I have provided on this application is truthful, and I understand that falsification of answers on this application will result in denial of the application. I authorize the City of Inver Grove Heights to investigate and make whatever inquiries are necessary to verify the information provided, and to inspect the location where the goats are maintained for duration of the permit if needed.

Property Owner #1 Signatory:

Date:

Property Owner #2 Signatory:

Date:

Property Owner #3 Signatory:

Date:

PLEASE NOTE: IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY OWNERS APPLYING, PLEASE INCLUDE A SIGNATURE WITH THE ATTACHED INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SECTION 2.

Section 7: Notice and Goat Owner Signature

I declare that the information I have provided on this application is truthful, and I understand that falsification of answers on this application will result in denial of the application. I authorize the City of Inver Grove Heights to investigate and make whatever inquiries are necessary to verify the information provided.

Signed:

Date:

Section 8: Required Attachments

A detailed fence plan including the type of fencing for the required enclosure.

A detailed site plan for the premises on which prescribed grazing will occur identifying the following:

- location and dimension of grazing area
- any proposed shelters and dimensions
- location and dimension of signage

Proof of required insurance.

A picture of an example sign that will be posted or state the language that will be included on the sign:

Section 9: Submit Information and Required Attachments

- a) Email application and attachments to asutherland@ighmn.gov
- b) OR: Drop off at Inver Grove Heights City Hall, 8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
- c) OR: Mail to Attn: Ally Sutherland, 8150 Barbara Ave. Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

Questions? Please contact Environmental Specialist Ally Sutherland at 651-604-8511 or asutherland@ighmn.gov