

## Section 7-1-26 Temporary keeping of goats

**(1)** Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish conditions under which the temporary and periodic use of a limited number of goats for invasive species and other weed control is permitted in all districts; and to establish requirements for doing so to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general population of the City of Galesville. This section supersedes the goat restriction in 7.1.13(c)(28).

**(2)** Goat keeping for the purpose of invasive species and other weed control on property shall not exceed 30 days twice a year. No person shall own, harbor, keep or maintain goats temporarily or otherwise on his or her property within the City without first obtaining a permit approved by the City of Galesville.

**(a)** Population density. There shall be a maximum of 15 goats for lots less than one acre. For parcels in excess of one acre the permittee shall submit a goat density plan as part of the application to exceed the permit limit of 15 goat's dependent on terrain.

**(b)** Permit requirements. Each permit application shall contain or have attached the following information: name, parcel number and address of property owner(s); goat owner information; Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Premises registration number for the primary premises where the goats are kept; certificate of insurance, prescribed grazing site information, including a detailed site plan identifying the location and dimension of grazing area and signage to be used, and a detailed fence plan.

**(c)** The contractor will maintain the physical and nutritional well-being of the animals in the herd, including access to fresh water and minerals.

**(3)** Fences will be electric commercially available electric livestock fences made specifically for goats. Temporary use of electric fencing is permitted as outlined in 13-1-143(g); must be adequate to contain goats and must display a warning that the fence is live.

**(4)** The property must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition that is free from offensive odors, fly breeding, dust and general nuisance conditions.

**(5)** The City of Galesville shall have no liability for any damage caused by goats kept on a property pursuant to this section. Property owners and permittees shall be jointly liable for damage caused by the goats kept pursuant to permit issued in this section; not limited to property owned by permittee liability extends to any other persons property and City of Galesville property, including rights-of-way.

**(6)** A permit is required. Permit issued allows the permit holder to temporarily have up to 15 goats (or more if deemed necessary) for up to 30 consecutive days for the purpose of invasive species or other weed control and may be issued two permits in a calendar year. A second permit may be issued no less than 30 days after the first permit expires. No permit shall be issued prior to review by the Chief of Police. Application for a permit should be submitted with the fee as established in City of Galesville Fee Schedule. Permit applicant shall be the property owner or tenant with written consent of the property owner. If applicable, written permission or statement by the applicant may be requested to ensure that keeping goats on the property is consistent with any homeowners' association bylaws or rules. Permit applicant shall notify all immediately adjacent property owners of the brushing operation prior to its commencement. No permit shall be issued if applicant is delinquent in paying any claims owed to the City.

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