

City of Galesville

Temporary Goat Grazing Permit Application

Section 1: Application Guidelines

This handout is a condensed version of the complete set of permit requirements stated in Code of Ordinances for the City of Galesville 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.
2. The Chief of Police 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 the City Code.

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.

INSURANCE AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS:

- Liability Insurance: The goat owner must have and maintain insurance coverage for claims arising from prescribed goat grazing and provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance to the City with the application. 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
- 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: 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: 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.

SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- Proper Temporary 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.

The following conditions must be met for temporary fencing:

- No more than seven feet tall.
- Electric fences may be used but generators may not be used as a power source for the electric fencing.
- Removed within two days of goats being removed.
- 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:

- Located on each side of the enclosed area and visible to the public.
- Contain emergency contact information for the goat owner.
- Placed on the enclosure fence.
- Any electric fence must have a warning sign posted 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. Colored streamers or other warning devices must be placed at 4' intervals.

- 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:
 - 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.

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.			

Section 3: Goat Owner Information

GOAT OWNER INFORMATION			
FULL NAME:			
ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
NON-EMERGENCY PHONE #:	24-HOUR EMERGENCY PHONE #:		
BUSINESS NAME:			
WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) PREMISE REGISTRATION NUMBER:			
GOAT PRIMARY RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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 PARCEL NUMBER: STREET ADDRESS:	SIZE OF GRAZING AREA:
PROPERTY #2 PARCEL NUMBER: STREET ADDRESS:	SIZE OF GRAZING AREA:
PROPERTY #3 PARCEL NUMBER: STREET ADDRESS:	SIZE OF GRAZING AREA:
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:	

Section 5: Notice and Property Owner Signature

<i>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 Galesville 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.</i>	
Property Owner #1:	Date:
Property Owner #2:	Date:

Section 6: Notice and Goat Owner Signature

<i>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 Galesville to investigate and make whatever inquiries are necessary to verify the information provided.</i>	
Signed:	
Date:	

Section 7: Notification of Immediate Neighbors

<i>I attest that notification of proposed grazing by goats and time period in which that will happen will be provided to immediately adjacent neighbors to the prescribed area of grazing. I authorize the City of Galesville to investigate and make whatever inquiries are necessary to verify the information provided.</i>
Permit Applicant:
Goat Owner:
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
- ☐ Certificate of Liability 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 complete packet to info@cityofgalesvillewi.gov
- b) OR: Drop off at City of Galesville Office, 16773 S. Main Street, Galesville, WI 54630
- c) OR: Mail to City of Galesville, PO Box 327, Galesville, WI 54630

Questions? Please contact City Clerk Jennifer Hess at 608-582-2475.

Section 9: 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 City of Galesville Office, 16773 S. Main Street, Galesville, WI 54630
 - ☐ Pay by check via mail. Please make check out to "City of Galesville" and add memo: "Goats [your site address]". Then mail check to: City of Galesville, PO Box 327, Galesville, WI 54630