

Application for Permit for Prescribed Goat Grazing

State of Tennessee

County of Knox

For Staff Use:	
Permit No.:	_____
\$25.00 fee Submitted:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Date Approved: _____

Date of Expiration: _____

I hereby make application for a permit for the temporary use of domestic goats for prescribed goat grazing activities within the City of Knoxville under the provisions of the Knoxville City Code, Chapter 5, Article IV, Section 5-108 and base my application upon answers to the following questions:

1. Project Address:

2. Property Occupant Information/Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

The property occupant owns leases the property. If the property occupant is a tenant, provide the following information about the property owner:

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Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Is this a multiple-property permit? No Yes

Multiple-property permits may be issued to multiple property occupants who share common boundary lines. For multiple-property permits, please provide all occupant and property information on the permit addendum.

3. Goat Owner:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. 24 Hour Contact Person Information: Same as Applicant Same as Property Owner Other (please fill out below)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email _____

5. Description of the Project:

Approximate area to be grazed in square feet: _____

Number of goats to be used in the project*: _____

*This number does not include goats less than 6 months old that accompany an adult female.

Anticipated Start Date: _____ End Date**: _____

**Prescribed grazing cannot last longer than 90 days per permit, and no more than two permits may be issued per property per calendar year.

I understand and agree to the following:

- The prescribed grazing activity must be fully and properly enclosed to prevent the enclosed animals from escaping. No Yes
- To enhance public safety, a sign, not to exceed four square feet, shall be visible from the nearest public right-of-way for the duration of the prescribed grazing activity, and will include the temporary permit number for the issued permit and the 24-hour contact number for the project. No Yes

- The prescribed grazing activity will not include construction of a permanent structure without a building permit, and any temporary shelter shall be at least ten (10) feet from the adjacent property line. No Yes
- Feed and other supplies will be securely stored so as not to encourage vermin or other pests. No Yes
- Animal droppings will be removed as needed to prevent accumulation and avoid health or sanitation problems. No Yes
- Reasonable care will be taken to prevent erosion, water runoff, or water quality problems. No Yes

I plan to use temporary electric fencing to provide proper enclosure in whole or part for this project, and understand and agree that the fence must comply with section 19-100 of the Knoxville City Code (i.e. will not exceed twelve (12) volts, will be at least three (3) feet in height, will have a warning sign posted every fifty (50) feet, and will use all equipment for its intended use).

No Yes

6. Animal Welfare:

I understand and agree to the following:

- Prescribed grazing animals must receive proper veterinary treatment and regular deworming. In the event that a prescribed grazing animal becomes ill, hurt, or perishes, the owner of the prescribed grazing animal(s) must provide immediate onsite care or remove the animal(s). No Yes
- Male goats older than six months must be neutered. No Yes

Have you ever:

Been denied any type of license by the City of Knoxville? Yes No

Had any type of license revoked in the City of Knoxville? Yes No

Had a complaint filed against you for animal cruelty? Yes No

Been charged with a violation of any animal law or code? Yes No

If the answer to any of the proceeding questions is Yes, please explain below using a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

7. By signing this permit application and on Page 7, I, the Applicant and I, the Goat Owner:

- state that all of the information provided above is accurate as of the date below;
- will provide current accurate information if any of the information above becomes inaccurate;
- agree that I have read, understood, and agree to each and every term, condition, and waiver listed below;
- agree to comply with all applicable zoning ordinances, rules, and regulations, as they pertain to using goats for prescribed grazing;
- understand that all references to the ‘permittee’ in this application and in the also in the ‘Prescribed Goat Grazing’ ordinance refer to me, the Applicant, and apply to me, the Goat Owner; and
- understand that failure to comply with the terms of the permit will result in immediate termination of the permit granted pursuant to this application.

Read the following terms of the application for a prescribed goat grazing permit and, after carefully reading, understanding, and considering the following, sign and date signifying your accord and agreement with those terms.

Terms, Conditions, and Waivers

- (1) The issuance of a permit does not create a vested interest or right of renewal for the permittee beyond the stated term thereof.
- (2) The fee for a temporary permit for the use of domestic goats for the purpose of prescribed grazing is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). In addition, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee shall be required for the building permit for the construction of any *permanent* structure for the enclosure.
- (3) Prescribed goat grazing shall not be permitted for more than ninety (90) consecutive days per permit issued, and no more than two (2) permits may be issued per property per calendar year. A single permit may be issued for multiple adjacent lots.
- (4) The area permitted for prescribed grazing shall be fully and properly enclosed at all times. Proper enclosure refers to any combination of temporary or permanent

fences or structures designed to prevent escape of the prescribed grazing animals. Temporary fences may be electric or electrified.

- (5) The enclosure must be of sufficient height and the bottom of enclosures shall be constructed or secured to prevent the enclosed animals from escaping the enclosure(s).
- (6) The enclosure must not include the construction of any permanent structures for prescribed grazing activity without a building permit.
- (7) If the enclosure provides a temporary shelter for the prescribed grazing animals, it shall be located at least ten (10) feet from the nearest adjacent property line.
- (8) In the event that the permittee uses an electric fence, it must be operated in compliance with 19-100 of the of the Knoxville City Code (i.e. will not exceed twelve (12) volts, will be at least three (3) feet in height, will have a warning sign posted every fifty (50) feet, and will use all equipment for its intended use).
- (9) The enclosure shall not contain more than one goat per 2,500 square feet of the prescribed grazing area, and any stocking rate calculation that ends in a fractional unit amount shall be rounded down to the next whole number portion of the calculation to determine the number of allowable prescribed grazing animals for the site. Goats less than six (6) months of age that accompany an adult female animal should not be included in stocking calculations.
- (10) The owner of the property and the contractor who manages the prescribed grazing animals shall provide a 24-hour phone number and email address so the responsible party can be contacted for removing the prescribed grazing animals as required in a timely manner.
- (11) The owners of the prescribed grazing goats must ensure the welfare of the animals.
- (12) Prescribed grazing animals must receive proper veterinary treatment and regular deworming. In the event that a prescribed grazing animal becomes ill, hurt, or perishes, the owner of the prescribed grazing animal(s) must provide immediate on-site care or remove the animal(s) from the property promptly if immediate on-site care cannot be provided.
- (13) Male goats older than six months of age must be neutered.
- (14) Permit applicants are required to disclose any prior complaints about the applicant or convictions of the applicant for animal cruelty on the permit application.
- (15) Any feed for the prescribed grazing animals must be securely stored so as not to encourage vermin or other pests.
- (16) Animal droppings shall be removed as needed to prevent accumulation and to avoid public health or sanitation problems.
- (17) Reasonable care must be taken to prevent erosion, water runoff, or water quality problems.

- (18) To enhance public safety, a single sign, not to exceed four (4) square feet in size and not to exceed four feet in height if freestanding, shall be erected and visible from the nearest public right-of-way, but not in the public right-of-way, for the duration of the prescribed grazing activity with the temporary permit number for the issued permit and the phone number for the 24-hour contact for the prescribed grazing animals.
- (19) All temporary fencing and animals must be removed by the conclusion of the approved period.
- (20) The permittee must also comply with all other relevant zoning and health codes when using goats for prescribed grazing.
- (21) The Animal Control Board shall deny a permit if the applicant has not demonstrated compliance with all provisions of this section. A permit to conduct proscribed goat grazing activities may be suspended or revoked by the Animal Control Board where there is a risk to public health or safety, or for any violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section, terms of the permit, or any other applicable ordinance or law. Any denial, revocation, or suspension of a permit shall be in writing and shall include notification of the right to and procedure for appeal.

I understand that, should my application be accepted, I am being granted a privilege, not a right. I acquire no vested interest in using domestic goats for prescribed grazing within the City of Knoxville beyond the stated terms of this permit. I understand that neither the City of Knoxville nor any of its Instrumentalities, agents, or employees makes any representations as to continued rights to use domestic goats for prescribed grazing within the City of Knoxville or to extend the duration of the permit or grant additional permits in the future. I absolve the City of Knoxville of all liability flowing from any damage or harm that I or another granted authority under this permit might cause, by negligence or otherwise, in the enjoyment of the privileges granted therein. I assert that I have read and understand the relevant provisions of the City Animals Ordinances in Chapter 5 of the City of Knoxville Code and agree to comply with all relevant provisions of those ordinances governing the treatment of the animals in question and understand the criminal and civil consequences of violating those ordinances. I further understand that, in the event of a public health emergency, I agree to immediate compliance with directions of public health officials and agree to allow those officials to enter, seize control, and/or

close my operations if a situation threatening the public health develops or is discovered.

Applicant's Signature _____

Applicant's Name (please print) _____

Date _____ Signature of Witnessing Officer _____

Goat Owner's Signature _____

Goat Owner's Name (please print) _____

Date _____ Signature of Witnessing Officer _____

Please remit this form along with a \$25.00 application fee (make checks payable to City of Knoxville) to the following address:

City of Knoxville Police Department
ATTN: Animal Control
800 Howard Baker Jr. Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37915

If you have questions relating to this application, please call the City of Knoxville Animal Control Department at (865) 215-8640.



To be completed by City Animal Control Board

Permit Approved? **No** **Yes** **Date:** _____

Fee Remitted? **No** **Yes** **Date:** _____

Chairperson Signature: _____

Notes: _____

Copies to be submitted to:

- City Animal Control Board**
- City Animal Control**
- Knoxville Police Department**
- Applicant/Permittee**

Addendum for a multiple-property permit

1. **Project Address:** _____

2. **Property Occupant Information/Applicant Information:**

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