



# **City and County of Broomfield Prairie Dog Policy**

## **Lethal Control Permit Application**

### **Non-Residential Property and Residential Lots Larger than 5 Acres** **in Area**

In addition to this permit for the City and County of Broomfield, a permit is also required from the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Please provide the following information to the Open Space and Trails Department:

**Name of Project:**

**Name of Applicant**

**Telephone**

**Fax**

**Email**

**Name of Landowner**

**Telephone**

**Fax**

**Email**

**Address of the Subject Property**

**Date of Application**

**Description of Request:**

**-Current Land Use of the Subject Property**

**-Reason for control permit request**

**-Number of prairie dogs affected and acreage. If the number exceeds ten prairie dogs, the City and County of Broomfield may require a report from a wildlife biologist to determine the number of prairie dogs on the site. Include a map showing the location of the prairie dogs on the property.**

**-Map showing the location and size of the area to be permitted**

**Name of Licensed Exterminator**

**Telephone**

**Fax**

**Address**

**Email**

**(Please provide a copy of the exterminators license)**

**Specify proposed method and toxicant for control (see below)**

**Please submit proposed extermination schedule**

**A final report describing how many prairie dogs were exterminated shall be submitted by the permittee to the City within one month of project completion.**

**Method and Toxicants for Prairie Dog Control:**

Lethal control of prairie dogs must be performed by an approved method and an approved exterminator pursuant to the Prairie Dog Policy of the City and County of Broomfield. The only method currently approved for lethal control within Broomfield is asphyxiation by toxicants. Only toxicants approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be used. Currently, these toxicants include aluminum phosphide pellets (a fumigant) and carbon monoxide gas cartridges (a fumigant). Any exterminator with a prior violation of a City or State permit shall not be approved. No other means of lethal control such as poison bait, shooting, drowning, lethal trapping, or other method is permitted in any circumstance.

**Consideration of other Methods:**

The City and County of Broomfield may, at its discretion and no later than 4 weeks following receipt of an application, require that prairie dog control be postponed until the owner or occupant of the subject property has evaluated capture and relocation to another site or removal for donation to the black-footed ferret program or other wildlife recovery program.

**Public Notice:**

**(See Section 4.2 and 5.2 of the complete prairie dog policy)**

If more than 10 prairie dogs are to be exterminated, the private landowner shall first provide public notice as described in Section 4.2 and 5.2 of the Prairie Dog Policy. Extermination of fewer than 10 prairie dogs for any single project shall not require public notice. Such prior notice shall include, at a minimum, 5 days public notice in the local newspaper before any proposed action. In addition, specific notice, by mailing or other direct notice shall be given to record landowners adjacent to the property containing the existing prairie dog site at least 10 days prior to the proposed action.

**Burrowing Owl Review:**

Please attach results of a burrowing owl study for the subject property. See further description below.

Prior to extermination of all or part of a prairie dog colony during the burrowing owl nesting season (April 1 through July 31), the prairie dog town shall be surveyed by a qualified biologist for the presence of burrowing owls. The burrowing owl, which nests in vacant prairie dog burrows, is listed by the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) as a threatened species in Colorado and protected by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. If burrowing owls are found to be nesting within a prairie dog town, the City shall postpone control measures until after the nesting season. If postponing prairie dog control would represent an undue hardship for the City or its citizens, the City may apply to USFWS for authorization to implement the proposed action during the nesting season. The results of the burrowing owl study must be submitted with this permit application. For more information please review section 4.9 of the complete prairie dog policy.

**Costs of Prairie Dog Control:**

The cost of prairie dog extermination pursuant to a *Prairie Dog Control Permit* from the City (including the free *pro-forma* permit) shall be borne by the private landowner to whom the permit is issued.

In addition to paying costs associated with exterminating prairie dogs from any land under review by the City for development—including the costs of public notice—the requesting party shall be assessed a “prairie dog management endowment fee.” The fee shall be \$100 for each prairie dog exterminated (i.e., killed by use of an approved lethal control method).

**Please review the complete Prairie Dog Policy before applying for this permit or taking any action. The policy is available at the Open Space and Trails Department at the Municipal Building or online at: [www.ci.broomfield.co.us/openspace/](http://www.ci.broomfield.co.us/openspace/)**