



City and County of Broomfield Prairie Dog Policy Removal Permit Application

For Donation to a Wildlife Recovery Program

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) typically accepts prairie dogs from late April through mid-October for the Black-Footed Ferret Recovery Program. Please contact the USFWS for details. In addition to this permit, a Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) permit is required before prairie dog removal to the black-footed ferret recovery program or other wildlife recovery program may be implemented.

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

Current land use of the subject property

Reason for the request

Description of request

-Specify proposed removal method (live-trapping, water flushing, vacuum truck or other method, and transport to the wildlife recovery program).

-Specify 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 location of the prairie dogs on the property.

-Please submit proposed relocation schedule

-Please submit the USFWS agreement or other wildlife recovery program agreement to accept the prairie dogs

-A final report describing how many prairie dogs were removed shall be submitted by the permittee to the City within two weeks of project completion. The permittee shall also submit to the City documentation from the wildlife recovery program that it received the prairie dogs.

Public Notice:

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

No prairie dog removal to a wildlife recovery program shall occur without prior public notice. Such prior notice shall include, at a minimum, 5 days public notice in the local newspaper before any proposed action.

In the case of removal, 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.

The applicant is responsible for furnishing the City with stamped, addressed envelopes for the landowners.

Burrowing Owl Review:

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

Prior to removal 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 CDOW as a threatened species in Colorado and protected by 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 any relocation or control measures until after the nesting season. If postponing prairie dog relocation or 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 any owl study must be submitted with this permit application. For more information please review section 4.9 of the complete prairie dog policy.

Removal Costs:

The applicant is responsible for all costs associated with public notice and prairie dog removal.

In addition to paying costs associated with moving 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 \$50 for each prairie dog removed by vacuum truck or other method for donation to the black-footed ferret recovery program or other approved use (e.g., raptor rehabilitation).

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/