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Application for Use of Goats for Brush Management Permit

Note: *This application is not a valid permit until signed by a Fire-Rescue Department representative.*

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-OFFICE USE ONLY-	
FILE ID / PERMIT #	SEQ
NOTICE OF VIOLATION ISSUED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICANT

_____ Applicant Contact Name	_____ Applicant's Business Name or H.O.A Name
_____ Applicant Address	_____ Business Address
_____ City, State, Zip Code	_____ City, State, Zip Code
() _____ Contact Phone #	_____ H.O.A Contact Name
_____ JOBSITE ADDRESS	() () _____ Business Phone # Business Fax #
_____ _____ _____	_____ County Assessor's Parcel # Acres
_____ _____	_____ Thomas Bros. Map Page and Grid
_____ Legal Property Owner(s) if Different From Above	

GOAT CONTRACTOR

_____ Contractor Name	_____ Contractor Business Name
_____ Contractor Address	_____ _____
_____ City, State, Zip Code	() () _____ Business Phone # Business Fax #
_____ Insurance Carrier	_____ Insurance Policy #
_____ Insurance Carrier Address	_____ _____
_____ City, State, Zip Code	() _____ Insurance Carrier Phone #

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- Property Owners' 10 Day Written Notification Received (Identifying Municipal Code Section 44.0307 as authority)
- 10 Day Written Permission from Owners' of Property Crossed to Gain Access No Additional Access Property
- 5 Day Removal Letter Date Received _____
- Copies of Notification Letter to Property Owners Immediately Adjacent to Area to be Browsed.

Start Date

End Date

I declare under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the responses made herein are true and correct. I understand and agree by applying for this permit that I am responsible for any violations of the rules and conditions set forth in the attached Bulletin #2, "*Use of Goats for Brush Management*".

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date

Subject to compliance with the conditions noted on this Permit Application and the attached Bulletin #2, "*Use of Goats for Brush Management*", this permit is hereby approved.

Fire-Rescue Department Representative Signature

Print Name

Date

A SITE PLAN IS REQUIRED WITH ALL PERMIT APPLICATIONS ILLUSTRATING:

- AREA TO BE BROWSED
- GOAT STORAGE AREA
- ELECTRICAL FENCE PLACEMENT
- ENTER AND EXIT STRATEGIES

City of San Diego Brush Management Regulations
BULLETIN #2: USE OF GOATS FOR BRUSH MANAGEMENT



December 2005



The City of San Diego Municipal Code* has been amended, effective October 19, 2005, to update and consolidate brush management regulations. Some of the changes now allow the use of **GOATS** for brush management, if certain conditions are met (see below). All other brush management regulations in the Municipal Code (Section 142.0412) must be complied with, and are described separately in Bulletin #1: Brush Management Guide for Private Property.

Note that the brush management regulation changes--including allowing the use of goats--are effective beginning October 19, 2005 everywhere in the City EXCEPT the Coastal Overlay Zone, where they DO NOT become effective until they have been approved by the Coastal Commission (spring 2006). The Coastal Overlay Zone is generally located west of I-5, excluding east La Jolla, north Pacific Beach, Midway, most of downtown. It also includes some areas east of I-5: Carmel Valley, Sorrento Valley, Los Penasquitos/Lopez Canyon area.

Under the amended brush management regulations, GOATS may be brought in temporarily to perform brush management, subject to the following requirements of the Municipal Code (Sections 44.0307 and 142.0360):

GOAT CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Goats must be managed and monitored 24 hours a day to prevent escapes, harassment from predators and/or humans, or over-browsing of vegetation.
- Person(s) managing and monitoring the goats must have at least two years experience in the raising, handling and controlling of goats.
- Goat contractors must carry a minimum of \$1 million of liability insurance.

PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- At least 10 business days prior to beginning operations, owners of property to be browsed by goats must notify, in writing, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's Fire Marshal and all owners and residents with property located immediately adjacent to the area to be browsed by goats. This notice must identify Municipal Code section 44.0307 as the authority for the temporary use of goats.
- At least 10 business days prior to beginning operation, owners of the property to be browsed by goats must obtain written permission from the owners of any property through which the goats must gain access.
- At least 5 business days from the removal of the goats, the owner of the property browsed by the goats must notify the Fire Marshal in writing of their removal.

FENCING REQUIREMENTS

- The area to be browsed by the goats must be measured and staked and appropriately fenced with a temporary electrically-charged fence to delineate the brush management area, in accordance with Municipal Code Section 142.0360.

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- Signs must be posted at 25-foot intervals along the fence warning of the possibility of mild electrical shock.

GOATS BROWSING REGULATIONS

- No more than 75 goats are permitted on any single acre of the premises.
- Goats (and the temporary electric fence) must be moved periodically so that no more than 50 percent of the vegetation is thinned or reduced, in accordance with the Land Development Code Section 142.0412.
- Goats must remain within a secure enclosure at all times.
- Goats may be moved to a separate holding pen at night. Such pens must be located the maximum distance practicable from residences.
- Droppings in the holding pen must be removed and properly disposed of daily to prevent accumulation, avoid health or sanitation problem and the breeding of flies, and to prevent discharge into any Storm Water Conveyance System, in accordance with Municipal Code Sections 44.0307(c) and 43.0302.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF GOATS

- To avoid impacts to the California gnatcatcher and other sensitive species during nesting season, brush management activities are prohibited within coastal sage scrub, maritime succulent scrub, and coastal sage-chaparral habitats from March 1 through August 15. Exceptions can be made where documented to the satisfaction of the City Manager that the thinning would be consistent with conditions of species coverage described in the City of San Diego's MSCP Subarea Plan.
- Goats may be used for brush management only and must be immediately removed when the brush thinning has been accomplished.

CITY USE OF GOATS

- Any use of goats by the City of San Diego or its permittee for the purpose of performing brush management on City-owned property in non-agricultural zones in accordance with the Land Development Code Section 142.0412, or for weed abatement, is subject to the same forgoing requirements.

Additional Information

- Brush/Weed Abatement: City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (619) 533-4444.
- Brush Management on City-owned open space land: City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, Brush Management Section (619) 525-8607.
- Property restrictions (easements, permits, title, etc.): County Recorder (617) 237-0502.
- Obtaining permits for brush management on private property with restrictions: City of San Diego Development Services Department (619) 446-5000.
- Finding out if property is in the Coastal Overlay Zone: City of San Diego Development Services Department, 619-446-5000; or, go to www.sandiego.gov/development-services; select "request zoning information" in upper left corner.

**Authority: City of San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 4, Article 4, Division 3, Section 44.0307 (Livestock; Health and Sanitation); Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 3, Section 142.0360 (Electric Fences); and Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 4, Sections 142.0402, 142.0403, 142.0412 (Brush Management)*