

Strathcona County Livestock Over-limit Permit Application - Instructions

It is important to read and understand the following before completing the form.

Responsible livestock ownership is about respecting animal and public health, neighbouring properties, the environment, and the economy. Strathcona County's [Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw](#) focuses on three key principles: minimize disease risk; support animal welfare; promote environmental and land stewardship.

Steps to take before submitting your Livestock Over-limit Permit application

1. **Determine allowable livestock units (LU's) for your property and livestock**

The Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw 53-2022 sets the number of allowable livestock on a rural property. This depends on land use zoning and property size. Land use can be determined from the [Property Assessment Tool](#).

Under the bylaw, properties zoned as one of the following, qualify for livestock units based on property size:

- a) Low Density Country Residential (RCL);
- b) Medium Density Country Residential (RCM);
- c) Small Holdings (RS); or
- d) Rural Residential/Agriculture (RA) where the parcel is less than 20 acres in size.

Residents can have up to 10 LUs per 0.5 acres on properties zoned RCL, RCM, RS or RA (less than 20 acres).

Livestock allowances do not apply to most parcels zoned to include "Agriculture, General" as a permitted use. For these properties, please follow guidelines as set out by the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*.

Within the bylaw, all allowable livestock types have an assigned number of Livestock Units (LUs). Generally, larger livestock are assigned more units. Residents can have up to 10 LUs per 0.5 acres on properties zoned RCL, RCM, RS or RA (less than 20 acres). [List of permitted livestock and the number of assigned LUs. \(102.9 KB\)](#)

2. **Ensure you have a Premise Identification (PID) number for the location of your livestock**

As part of the provincial *Animal Health Act*, livestock owners must register with the Animal Premise Identification (PID) Program and obtain a PID number for the location of the animals. The purpose of the PID is for traceability. The PID will be used to help protect animal and public health and safety in situations of natural disasters and disease outbreaks in a specific area. Getting a PID from the province is fast, easy, and free: [Register with the Animal Premises Identification Program](#)

3. **Consider effects of additional livestock**

Different types of livestock have different requirements which must be considered, especially on acreages. Additional livestock will result in additional waste that will need to be managed. Grazing may be a concern and will need to be controlled to avoid overgrazing. Disease concerns can increase as the density of livestock on a property increases. Consider the impacts of the livestock you are considering, and how you will plan for and address these challenges.

4. **Apply for a Strathcona County Livestock Over-limit Permit (if needed)**

Livestock Over-limit Permits are required on rural properties where residents would like to have more livestock on-site than may be allowed by the Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw 53-2022. The application process requires the applicant to notify the adjacent neighbours of the application. This will provide neighbours the opportunity to discuss potential concerns with you and/or the County.

Once your application is complete, please print, sign, scan and submit it through [County Connect](#) or email: agricultureandenvironment@strathcona.ca

Planning and Development Services, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park Alberta T8A 3W7
 Phone 780-464-8080 Fax 780-464-8142 agricultureandenvironment@strathcona.ca

Applicant information

Name _____

Mailing address _____

Street Address

City

Province

Postal code

Contact Phone _____ Email _____
 (select preferred)

Applicant(s) is/are the property owner(s): yes no (if no, please provide proof that owner was notified)

How would you like to receive your permit? email mail

Additional information

Property address: same as applicant address OR _____

Legal description: Lot or unit _____ Block _____ Plan _____

(if applicable) NE NW SE SW Section _____ Township _____ Range _____ W4M

Size of parcel or area of land _____ hectares (or _____ acres)

Provincial Premise Identification (PID) number: _____

Do you allow Strathcona County representatives to inspect the site routinely and as necessary? yes no

Please indicate the types of all livestock, and total number of each proposed for the property

Type		Amount		Type		Amount	
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Type		Amount		Type		Amount	

How will pasture be managed for prevention of overgrazing? (if applicable)

At minimum, please describe plant species and care, weed management, and grazing rotations.

How will excess waste be managed?

Please include plans for manure collection, storage, removal, and odour reduction.

Do you have a veterinarian identified and confirmed that they will treat your livestock? yes no

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Please explain how you will manage disease risk on your property.

Neighbour notifications (notification template can be printed for use)

Have adjacent landowners been notified

yes no

Adjacent neighbours notified:

Address	Date	
Address	Date	
Address	Date	
Address	Date	
Address	Date	
Address	Date	

Please explain how you will address comments received from adjacent landowners. Please include all comments, both positive and negative, in the space provided. If there is not sufficient room, please attach additional pages.

This requirement is a notification to neighbours, not a request for permission. Your neighbours have two (2) weeks to respond after receiving the letter. Letters do not need to be signed.

Commitment

Should I be granted a permit I, the applicant, will be engaged in responsible livestock ownership practices, as described in Section 12 of the [Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw](#), to minimize disease risk, support animal welfare, and promote environmental and land stewardship.

Applicant signature

Date

Collection and use of personal information

Personal information is collected in accordance with s. 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and will be used in the management and administration of Strathcona County permitting and enforcement operations. If you have any questions about the collection or use of your information, please contact Manager, Agriculture and Environment at 780-464-8080.

Office use only

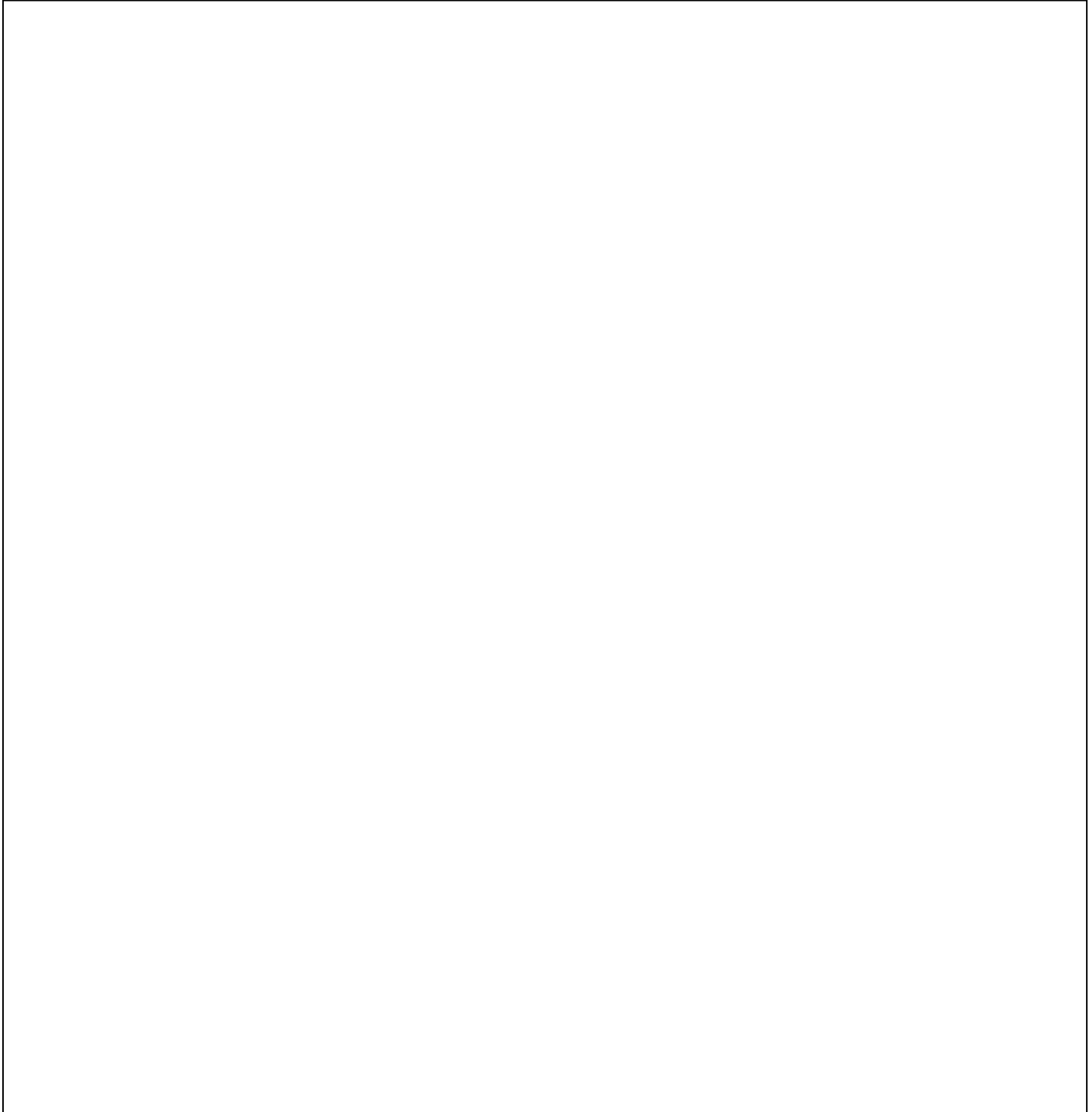
Land use district _____ Fee received (\$60) Received by _____ Date _____

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Site plan

Please show the following

- a) location and size of buildings and landscape features including wetlands, ponds, trees
- b) area designated for livestock including housing, fencing, define paddocks if applicable
- c) location of temporary waste collection site



Adjacent neighbour notification letter - Livestock Over-limit Permit Application

Date:

Address:

Hello Neighbour*

This letter is to inform you that I will be applying to Strathcona County for a Livestock Over-limit Permit. If approved, this permit would increase the current allowable number of livestock for my property, for a set period. This letter is to inform you of my intentions and provide you with an opportunity to let me know of any concerns you may have.

It is my intention to have the following types and total amounts of livestock on my property (including any livestock currently on-site):

Type		Amount		Type		Amount	
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I am committed to following good livestock management and husbandry practices to provide proper care of the livestock and land. I understand that the additional livestock on the property will put added pressures on the land and I am committed to following good pasture and waste management as it applies to the livestock.

Please contact me within two (2) weeks of the date on the top of this page if you have any concerns.

If I am not able to address your concerns, you are welcome to contact Strathcona County at 780-464-8080 or submit a County Connect case online at www.strathcona.ca/countyconnect to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Name:

Location/address:

Contact:

*Adjacent neighbours are determined as sharing a property line, boundary, or equivalent if not for a road, lane, walkway, watercourse, utility lot, pipeline right-of-way, power line, railway, or similar feature.