# City and County of Broomfield Prairie Dog Policy

# Removal Permit Application

## For Donation to a Wildlife Recovery Program

**In addition to this permit, a Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) permit is required before prairie dog removal and donation to a wildlife recovery program may be implemented, if the prairie dogs are not euthanized onsite.**

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

**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 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 wildlife recovery program agreement to accept the prairie dogs, including the number of prairie dogs that the agency is willing to accept.**

**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 (March 15 through October 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.

**Additional Signage and Notice Requirements:**

All lethal control projects on public land will now have signage at the extermination site to notify the public that prairie dog management is occurring. The signage will state that a pesticide or toxicant is being used for prairie dog management and that the area is temporarily closed to the public. In the case of a control project along a trail, the trail will be closed in the area being treated and will be signed at any trail entrances into the area. The public notice signage for both carbon monoxide and aluminum phosphide must be posted 24 hours before the treatment begins. In cases where carbon monoxide is used, the signage must be posted for 24 hours after treatment and in cases where aluminum phosphide is used, the public notice signage is required for 72 hours after treatment. Please refer to the administrative changes and policy adjustments regarding signage, public notice, and area closures. This information is available at the Open Space and Trails website at: http://www.broomfield.org/openspace/pdog_admin_summary.shtml.

Any application of aluminum phosphide is subject to the revised EPA signage regulations, which apply to both public and private land.

**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/**