ZONING PERMIT FOR EXISTING & CLASS 'D' CAFOS APPLICATION PACKET

In A1-Agricultural zoning districts within the rural portions of Minnehaha County that are outside of any joint jurisdiction ordinance boundary all new or expanding Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). New Class D CAFOs (less than 250 animal units) and expanding existing CAFOs (existed before May 26, 1998 and expanding to a maximum extent of 1,000 animal units) may be able to obtain a permit administratively through a zoning permit. To be approved administratively, these specific CAFO types must meet several minimum criteria. Those CAFOs which do not meet the minimum criteria must obtain a Conditional Use Permit which involves a public hearing.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a permit, it is suggested the applicant first meet with the County Planning Department to discuss the proposed operation and to determine the appropriate application type – zoning permit or conditional use permit. A zoning permit application requires a \$50 non-refundable filing fee.

Specific criteria for a new Class D CAFO are listed in Section 3.03 (I) of the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County. The criteria for an expanding existing operation is located in Section 3.03 (J) of the same ordinance. Criteria include requirements for setbacks from neighboring uses, location restrictions, manure management considerations. A clear and precise site plan is likely the most useful tool in showing that a proposed CAFO meets the required criteria. An application should also a description of the daily activities of the operation such as manure storage and disposal, type of animals to be on the property, and the type of facility the pen or structure will be to house the animals. Staff may also require additional documents at the time of application.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Once the Planning Department has received the zoning permit application for a CAFO, the application must be reviewed for compliance. The more organized the application and supporting materials are, the faster the administrative review will take. Staff may place conditions on a zoning permit for approval of the application. If the application does not meet ordinance required criteria or the applicant disputes staff decision on the permit, then the permit can be forwarded through the conditional use permit process with all applicable fees.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Regardless of the permit type or process that will work for a proposed CAFO, staff recommends that the applicant meet with neighboring property owners to discuss proposed plans. Meeting in advance may help the understanding of a proposal and concerns that may arise from a CAFO.



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ZONING PERMIT FOR EXISTING & CLASS 'D' CAFOS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Complete application form

Comprehensive site plan. Be sure to include property lines, existing and proposed structures, locations of any manure containment, and setbacks from property lines to any structures.



Written narrative describing all aspects of the proposed CAFO.

All required engineer stamped documents.



\$50 permit application fee.



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Minnehaha County Planning & Zoning EXISTING & CLASS 'D' CAFO		Application #: Date: Filing Fee: \$50		
				APPLICATION
Legal Description of Pr	operty:			
Address or General Loc	cation:			
Map ID #:	Parcel II) #:	Acres in Parcel(s):	
Proposed Use: □ Exp	ansion of Existing CAF	FO 🛛 New Class	s D CAFO	
CAFO Type: 🗆 Withi	n a Structure 🛛 Oper	n Lot Manure Ha	andling Type: 🗆 Liquid 🗆 Non-liquid	
Animal Type & Numb	<u>er:</u> CattleDairy	y Chickens:]	Laying HensOther than Laying Hens	
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