



APPEAL APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE

Deadline: See Annual Assessment Notice

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER(S):	Phone #1:
	Phone #2:
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY APPLIED FOR:	
MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above):	
TOTAL PROPERTY SIZE: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ACRES <input type="checkbox"/> HECTARES EXISTING WATER ALLOCATION: _____	
CURRENT ASSESSMENT GRADE: _____	
TYPE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM (eg drip, hand set, overhead sprinklers, wheel, etc):	
ESTIMATE OF INCOME FROM FARMING:	
IS LAND LEASED OUT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, NAME OF RENTER: (the owner or renter can provide the proof of income)	
DO YOU HAVE AN AGRICULTURAL WATER METER? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NOTE: Water meters must be installed before turn on.	
DO YOU HAVE A BACKFLOW PREVENTOR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No COMPLIANT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PREVIOUS APPEAL APPLICATION? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
TYPES OF CROP AND/OR LIVESTOCK:	

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE APPLICANT ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING TERMS:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All agricultural water used must be metered prior to approval of application; 2. All domestic water used must be metered prior to approval of application; 3. Only one (1) appeal per property may be filed per calendar year; 4. The property must meet Cross Connection Control Standards; 5. The applicant will notify Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID) if farming activity ceases; 6. GEID will conduct random audits, including site inspections, to confirm eligibility; 7. Eligibility for agricultural water may be withdrawn at the discretion of GEID if land use ceases to meet the criteria for BC Assessment Farm Status Classification, or if access for site inspections is denied; and 8. Current water restrictions must be taken into consideration at all times. 	
In the event of a successful appeal, the applicant will install (a) separate water meter(s) at their sole expense to measure all water used on the property. The meter(s) must be installed and inspected before the agricultural water rate comes into effect.	
SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S):	DATE:

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PID FILE NO:	CCC File #	
	Compliant: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT: PLAN: SEC: TWP:		
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED VALID UNTIL: _____ REF NO: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED		
_____ NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL (PRINT)	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE
COMMENTS:		

GLENMORE-ELLISON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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CRITERIA FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER USE (2014)

The following criteria must be met in order for landowners to receive irrigation water at the agricultural rate:

1. The property has current BC Assessment Farm Classification. If your property has farm classification (farm status), you are automatically eligible for the agricultural water rate and do not need to submit an appeal.
2. Properties without BC Assessment Farm Classification with an existing irrigation service connection will have an annual opportunity to appeal for the agricultural water use rate.
3. A successful appeal must meet the following conditions:
 - a. Agricultural use of the property is permitted pursuant to the appropriate zoning regulations:
 - b. The property is used for agricultural purposes, comprising:

- Apiculture	- Herb production	- Medicinal plant culture
- Aquaculture	- Intense cultivation of plantations of Poplar & Willow trees	- Seed production
- Christmas tree culture	- Management of Birch & Maple Trees for production of sap or syrup	- Turf production
- Dairying	- Insects raised for biological pest control	- Raising crops for food for human of animal consumption
- Floriculture	- Livestock raising (inc dairying, horse rearing, poultry & egg production, wool hide, feather or fur production, raising animals for food for human/animal consumption	
- Forage production		
- Forest seedling & seed production		
- Fruit & vegetable production		
- Grain & oilseed production		

The following activities are **NOT** considered agricultural for the purposes of water billing:

- Production of manufactured derivatives from agricultural raw materials;
 - Production of qualifying agricultural products for domestic consumption on the farm;
 - Production of agricultural by-products other than breeding products
 - Agricultural services other than horse stud services; or
 - Breeding and rearing of pets, except horses.
4. The property owner must install a second water meter inside the property line to capture all water use. The cost to purchase and install the meter, pit and appurtenances will be borne by the property owner. The meter must be installed and inspected by GEID before eligibility for the agricultural water rate is instated.
 5. Landowners with water allocations less than or equal to 0.8 hectares (1.98 acres) will be required to meet the BC Assessment income threshold of \$10,000 per year. Landowners with water allocations greater than 0.8 hectares (1.98 acres) will be required to meet the BC Assessment income threshold of \$2,500 per year. Proof of income is required with **ALL** appeal applications made.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All domestic use is required to be metered, and to pay the domestic rate, even if the property sustains an agricultural activity.
2. All properties must be assessed for backflow prevention and meet Cross Connection Control Standards including installation of required backflow prevention devices and/or assemblies if required.
3. Appeals are assessed by GEID staff based on the information provided and will be forwarded with GEID staff recommendation to the GEID Board of Trustees.
4. GEID reserves the right to perform random audits and site inspections to verify conformance. Eligibility for the agricultural water rate will be withdrawn if, at the discretion of GEID, land use fails to meet the above criteria.
5. Successful appeals are valid for two calendar years, unless property ownership changes. One appeal per property may be submitted per calendar year.
6. Notification regarding approved or rejected appeals will be mailed to the address provided. Rejected appeals will be informed of the reasons.
7. Current water restrictions must be taken into consideration at all times.
8. GEID is responsible for the water supply, treatment and distribution. Please feel free to contact GEID for additional information at:

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