

## APPEAL APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE

PROPERTY OWNER INFO					
Name of Property Owner(s):			Phone:		
			Email:		
Mailing Address (if different from property address)					
PROPERTY DETAILS AND GEID ASSESSMENT INFO					
Property Address					
Legal Address	Lot:	Block:	Plan:		
PID No.	Roll No.				
Total Property Size	acres				
Please check the box corresponding to the land classification assigned to your property.					
Current Land Classification	<input type="checkbox"/> G Grade (agricultural)	<input type="checkbox"/> R Grade (residential)	<input type="checkbox"/> C Grade (commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/> D Grade (dry land)	<input type="checkbox"/> S1 Grade (GEID owned and maintained)
Land Area	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
APPEAL					
Year applying for			Previous appeal application?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Appeal for	Changing the current General Irrigation land classification to Agricultural land classification				
Proposed Land Classification	<input type="checkbox"/> A Grade (agricultural)	<input type="checkbox"/> R Grade (residential)	<input type="checkbox"/> C Grade (commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/> D Grade (dry land)	<input type="checkbox"/> S1 Grade (GEID owned and maintained)
Land Area	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
FARMING ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS					
Type of Irrigation System	(e.g. drip, hand set, overhead sprinklers, wheel, etc.)				
Type of Crop / or Livestock					
Do you have an agricultural water meter?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you have a backflow preventor?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is land leased out to a farmer?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO			
(If the answer is yes, please provide a copy of your lease or complete the lease information below.)					
Lessee Name					
Lease Start Date		Lease Expiry Date			
Lessee's Phone No					
Supporting Documents Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO			
PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
<b>THE APPLICANT ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING TERMS:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All agricultural water used must be metered prior to approval of application;</li> <li>2. All domestic water used must be metered prior to approval of application;</li> <li>3. Only one (1) appeal per property may be filed per calendar year;</li> <li>4. The property must meet Cross Connection Control Standards;</li> <li>5. The applicant will notify Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID) if farming activity ceases;</li> <li>6. GEID will conduct random audits, including site inspections, to confirm eligibility;</li> <li>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</li> <li>8. Current water restrictions must be taken into consideration at all times.</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>					
SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S):			DATE SIGNED:		
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY					
CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL COMPLIANT	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	SITE INSPECTION DATE:		
NAME OF INSPECTOR:			SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR:		
INSPECTION COMMENTS: Please provide details of the inspection and photos.					
RECOMMENDATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve the appeal application			<input type="checkbox"/> Reject the appeal application	
APPROVED BY:	Management, GEID		Date		

## CRITERIA FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER USE

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;
    - aquaculture;
    - floriculture;
    - forage production;
    - forest seedling and seed production;
    - fruit and vegetable production;
    - grain and oilseed production;
    - herb production;
    - management of the following trees, for the production of sap or syrup:
      - i. trees botanically known as *Betula* species and commonly known as birch, or
      - ii. trees botanically known as *Acer* species and commonly known as maple;
    - intense cultivation of plantations of
      - i. trees botanically known as *Populus* species and commonly known as poplar, or
      - ii. trees botanically known as *Salix* species and commonly known as willow;

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

- the production of manufactured derivatives from agricultural raw materials;
- the production of qualifying agricultural products for domestic consumption on the farm;
- the production of agricultural by-products other than breeding products;
- agricultural services other than horse stud services;
- the breeding and raising of pets other than horses;
- the breeding and rearing of pets, except horses.
- the production of any substance set out in item 1 [opium poppy] or 2 [coca] of the Schedule to the narcotic Control Regulations under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada);
- the production of any of the following, other than the production of industrial hemp in accordance with the industrial Hemp Regulation under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada):
  - i. cannabis within the meaning of the cannabis Control and licensing Act, whether or not the cannabis in medical cannabis is medical cannabis within the meaning of that Act;
  - ii. a substance or product derived or produced from a cannabis plant within the meaning of the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act.

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 of less than 0.8 hectares (1.98 acres) are required to meet the BC Assessment income threshold of \$10,000 per year. Landowners with water allocations between 0.8 hectares (1.98 acres) and 4 hectares are required to meet the income threshold of \$2,500 per year. For farms over 4 hectares, the income requirement is \$2,500 plus 5% of the farm operation exceeding 4 hectares. 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 may be approved by GEID manager.
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 one (1) calendar year**, 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.