

	Council Policy		
	Classification Agriculture		Policy No. 3.11
	Policy Title Grazing Road Allowances		
	Approved By: Council	Effective Date:	Revisions:

Purpose

To provide a policy for Producers to utilize County Right of Ways when grazing conditions are not optimal.

Statement

County of Stettler is supportive of the agricultural community and understands that under certain circumstances, we can provide extra grazing opportunities to support livestock farmers in our County. We will provide these opportunities while still maintaining the integrity of our right of ways and stewardship of the land.

Definitions

County Road Allowances - For the purpose of this policy, County Road Allowances are defined as grasslands between the fence and the edge of the road.

Roads allowed in grazing situations - Any gravel, Dirt covered, or grass covered access road can be used for grazing for the purpose of this policy. Under no circumstances will paved roads be allowed to have grazing adjacent to it.

Livestock – for the purposes of this policy, livestock is defined as Cattle, Horses, Goats and Sheep.

Grazing period - The grazing period will be during daylight hours or as otherwise direct by the CAO or Designate

Procedure

1. Unless otherwise stated in a written letter from adjacent landowners, the only land allowed to be grazed is County Road Allowance directly adjacent to the applicants land.

2. Road Allowance **MUST** be fenced with electric fence and energized while livestock are present, fence must meet generally accepted practices of husbandry to hold livestock.
3. Fence and poles **MUST** not be on gravel road, but at least 15 cm (6 inches) off of the gravel top.
4. Livestock must be pulled off of county property each night (prior to sunset) for safety of the livestock and moving vehicles.
5. Area must be monitored daily by producer to ensure
 - a. livestock are secured inside fence
 - b. fence is still energize
 - c. must ensure that husbandry of livestock is being met.
6. signage for safety reasons, may be required by the CAO or designate. The applicant agrees to supply and manage all signage requests for the duration of their agreement. (ex: hilly roads, curvy roads, treed areas etc.)
7. Applicants are required to enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement with the County of Stettler No. 6 prior to occupying the Road Allowance.
8. Grazing rates **SHALL** be waved at the discretion of the CAO or designate.
9. The County of Stettler reserves the right to suspend grazing operations once forage reaches minimum coverage, this level of coverage is at the discretion of the CAO or the Department of Agricultural Services.
10. All grazing will cease on October 30 of the current year
11. Fences must be removed 5 days after the removal of livestock or Nov. 5, whichever comes first.
12. The County of Stettler No. 6 **MUST** be informed when the livestock start grazing and end grazing on each piece of land designated on hold harmless agreement AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

Policy Authorization

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