

**Permit Application
Mowing/Grass Harvesting
Cerro Gordo County, Iowa**

Authorization is herein requested to harvest grass within the rights of way of Cerro Gordo County Roads (Section, Township, and Quarter of proposed locations):

The Applicant agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. Harvesting shall not be allowed prior to July 15 or after September 1. Minimum height of mowing shall be 6 inches.
2. Mowing of newly seeded areas that are not yet fully established shall not be permitted. Areas included in an integrated roadside vegetation management plan including the prairie restoration sites established by the County shall not be mowed.
3. Work shall be completed between the hours of 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset.
4. All harvested grass shall be removed from the road right of way within two (2) days of being harvested. Harvested grass remaining after 2 days may be removed and disposed of by road maintenance crews at a cost chargeable to the permit holder.
5. The operation shall be completed in a workmanlike manner and the area shall be left in a neat condition upon completion.
6. Applicant shall not engage in harvesting operations when conditions will result in wheel ruts or cause possible drainage or erosion problem. Costs to repair by Cerro Gordo County for such operations shall be assessed to the applicant.
7. The applicant agrees to pay for damages resulting from mowing or harvesting grass including but not limited to damage to fences, signs, or other highway features. Right of way markers and land monuments shall not be removed, altered or damaged.
8. This permit shall be subject to any laws now in effect or any laws which may be hereafter enacted and all applicable rules and regulations of local, state and federal agencies.

9. This permit shall expire on September 1 of the year issued the same.
10. Cerro Gordo County makes no guarantee as to the quality of or to the contaminates which may be contained in the harvested grass and herein assumes no responsibilities to the applicant or users of harvested grass.
11. The applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Cerro Gordo County from any and all liability, loss or damage which Cerro Gordo County may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against it arising out of the issuance of this permit or applicant's operation. The applicant acknowledges that all operations are at the applicant's own risk.
12. The applicant understands that in areas where herbicide has been sprayed in the past year that hay may not be suitable for harvest because of legal restrictions on the herbicide label. Applicant should check with the County Conservation Department for any herbicide application records.
13. If the adjacent land is not owned by the applicant, the applicant must get written permission from the property owner to harvest the grass.

I, the undersigned have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Approval _____ Date: _____
 County Engineer or Designee, Cerro Gordo County