

CITY OF AFTON

TRAPPING PERMIT

Applicant / Trapper Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work or Cell Phone	Email Address		

TRAPPING WILL BE DONE ON LAND THAT I DO NOT OWN ---- AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

Owner Name (if known)	Property Address / Location	City	State	Zip
		AFTON	MN	55001
FROM Date:	TO Date:	Has Property Owner given permission? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Trap 1: Type & make of trap	Approximate location of trap	Animal intending to trap		
Trap 2: Type & make of trap	Approximate location of trap	Animal intending to trap		
Trap 3: Type & make of trap	Approximate location of trap	Animal intending to trap		
Trap 4: Type & make of trap	Approximate location of trap	Animal intending to trap		
Trap 5: Type & make of trap	Approximate location of trap	Animal intending to trap		

I am placing more than 5 traps and have attached another sheet describing additional traps.

ACCEPTANCE: I, the applicant trapper, agree to comply with all terms and conditions as set forth in the Afton City Code. I understand that violation of the provisions of this permit or failure to comply with any requirements shall be administered according to Section 1-13 of Afton City Code.

Signature of Applicant

Date

FOR CITY USE ONLY

TRAPPING PERMIT (check one)

APPROVED

NOT APPROVED

City Administrator Signature

Date

Notification sent to Property Owner on date: _____

By staff: _____

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TRAPPING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Per Chapter 16 of the Afton City Code

Definitions. *Body-gripping device* includes, but is not limited to, any snare (neck, body, or leg), kill type trap (Conibear), leg hold trap (steel-jaw, padded, and offset), and any other device designed to grip a body or body part. Cage and box traps, suitcase-type live beaver traps, and common rat and mouse traps shall not be considered body-gripping devices.

Intent. It is the intent of the City of Afton to protect public health and safety, and animal welfare by prohibiting the use of body-gripping devices on all public lands on all public rights-of-way. The ordinance is necessary to preserve wild animals and prevent the un-selective catching, maiming of wild animals including birds, endangered and threatened species, and companion animals, as well as injury to children and adults that come into contact with these devices.

Permit Required. No trapping that may otherwise be permitted by law within the boundaries of the City of Afton may occur without the issuance of a trapping permit from the City. A permit will be granted for trapping only if the applicant submits an application form provided by the City which describes the approximate location of any traps to be placed within the City, as well as the type and make of trap and the type of animal which is intended to be trapped. Any information so obtained shall be public data.

Prohibitions.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or use, or attempt to set or use, a body- gripping device of any kind designed or intended to take hold of, capture or kill any animal within any City of Afton parks, public lands held in conservation easements, or in any public rights-of-way.
- B. It shall be unlawful for the owner, possessor, or any other person in control of a lot, tract, or parcel of land within Afton city limits or any residence or business premises situated thereon to knowingly permit the use of a body-gripping device upon the property, residence or premises by anyone other than the owner without that person or persons first obtaining a trapping permit from the City of Afton.
- C. Trapping of any kind shall be prohibited in all City of Afton Public Parks unless under the direct authorization of the City Administrator.

Exemptions.

- A. The provisions of this act shall not prohibit federal, state, county, or municipal government employees or their duly authorized agents from using a Conibear trap in water, padded-jaw leghold trap, or non-strangling type foot snare where use of such device is the only method available to protect human health and safety.
- B. The provisions of this act shall not prohibit federal or state employees or their duly authorized agents from using a Conibear trap in water, padded-jaw leghold trap, or non-strangling type foot snare where use of such device is the only means of protecting threatened and endangered species, as listed under the Federal and State Endangered Species Act.

Impounding of Body-Gripping Devices. Whenever a body-gripping device is used contrary to the prohibitions outlined in this Act within the confines of any City of Afton Park, lands held in conservation easements within the city limits, or in any public rights-of-way; or traps of any kind are used within any City of Afton parkland, the same may be impounded by any duly authorized police officer or by any State Fish & Game Warden until judicial action occurs.

Sec. 16-15. Violations and Penalties. Any violation of the provisions of this article or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall be administered according to Section 1-13 of the Afton City Code, which could be punishable as a misdemeanor, with a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by both. Each day a continues shall constitute a separate offense.