

APPLICATION FOR A GRAVEL PIT PERMIT

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Parcel #: _____ Property is Zoned As: _____

Name of Operator/Applicant: _____ Phone #: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Name of Property Owner: _____ Daytime Phone #: _____

Property Address: _____

Type of Road: (circle one) State County Township Private

Do you need* a 911 Address and Sign? YES or NO

*If the property is not addressed, or if the pit access is separate from the existing address, we recommend applying for a new E911 address for emergency purposes. If there are any structures on the property, an address is required.

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Attach the following:

1. A written description of the pit and operation including:
 - a. Volume of material to be excavated
 - b. Amount of truck activity at highest and average levels
 - c. Dust control measures
 - d. Buffer area vegetation
 - e. Hours of operation
 - f. Description of operation
 - g. Routes trucks will take to and from site
 - h. Types of barriers established
 - i. Property line locations
 - j. Reclamation plans
 - k. Screening from the residential properties
 - l. Drainage from the site
 - m. Future plans for the pit
 - n. Timing of reclamation effort

2. A drawing of the gravel pit area showing the following:
 - a. Location of all pit operations
 - b. Horizontal and vertical dimensions of the pit site
 - c. All setbacks from roads and adjacent property lines
 - d. Location, size, and use of all structures on the parcel
 - e. Location of all adjacent structures and their uses
 - f. Area of excavation
 - g. Extent of vegetation in buffer area
 - h. All lakes, streams, and wetlands on the property
3. A written agreement between you and the adjacent landowner(s) if the buffer area is less than fifty (50) feet wide.
4. Evidence that all related permits have been secured, such as an NPDES permit from the MPCA.
5. A reclamation plan that meets or exceeds the following minimum reclamation standards:
 - a. All slopes shall be stabilized (with side slopes not exceeding 3:1), equipment and structures removed, topsoil properly placed and permanent seeding established, banks rounded and other reclamation actions completed in accordance with the reclamation plan within twelve (12) months of cessation of pit operations.
 - b. All trees, brush, stumps, and any other debris removed for the sole purpose of operation of gravel pit, shall be disposed of in a manner acceptable to the fire warden and the local solid waste authority. In no case shall vegetation from over a ten (10) acre area be kept on the property unless it is burned or buried.
 - c. The tops of banks shall be rounded to conform to the surrounding topography.
 - d. Pits may also be reclaimed for wetland mitigation or creation and, if it is the intent of the operator to reclaim in that manner, it must be done in accordance with a plan approved by the County.
 - e. All measures shall be taken to control erosion that has potential to damage adjacent land.

☐ I have read and understand the minimum standards for all gravel pits in Morrison County pursuant to the Land Use Control Ordinance section 1218.1, parts a-m (attached).

Pit Operator Signature _____

Property Owner Signature _____

Date _____

Fee Summary: (See back for fee schedule)

Gravel Pit Fee: (\$350.00) \$ _____

E911 Fee: (\$150.00) \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Make Check Payable To: Morrison County Treasurer

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- 1218.1 All gravel pits, whether they are in operation at the time of this ordinance adoption or are proposed, including regularly established non-conforming pits, shall follow the Minimum Standards set forth in this section. A gravel pit shall include the pit area, stockpiles, haul roads, entrance roads, scales, crusher, and all related facilities. The minimum standards are as follows:
- a. No gravel pit shall be within three hundred (300') feet or less than the setback for principal structures, whichever is the greater, from the shore of any lake, river or MDNR protected wetland.
 - b. A fifty (50) foot no disturbance buffer area shall be established between the pit and the property line containing the gravel pit. This buffer area may be altered only through a written agreement with the adjacent property owner. Proof of the agreement shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator.
 - c. Temporary hot mix bituminous or concrete facilities are permitted for specific projects without a conditional use permit if no residence other than the property owner's is located within six-hundred-sixty (660') feet of the facility.
 - d. Fencing, berms and use of natural topography provided to shield the view of salvage material from any surface water, public recreation facility, public/private road or private residence, within one-half (1/2) mile of the gravel pit if the salvage material is not going to be recycled within one (1) year.
 - e. Excavation below the water table is permitted with appropriate State permits provided there is no adverse impact upon the quality and quantity of nearby surface water or nearby wells.
 - f. All entrances and exits shall be constructed so as not to create a safety hazard and shall comply with the manual of uniform traffic control devices as specified by MNDOT.
 - g. A pit shall have a barrier-controlled entrance and such barriers shall be clearly visible to prevent safety hazards to members of the public. The use of cable, chain, or similar barrier is prohibited. A gate of wood or metal shall effectively deny vehicle access when the pit is not in operation.
 - h. The pit access road shall be placed in a manner that minimizes the view into the pit from the public road or any residence unless the County requires improved visibility for safety purposes.
 - i. Dust control measures shall be utilized on non-paved routes in accordance with the policy of the local road authority. Dust control measures shall also take place within the pit so that dust does not leave the property and affect adjacent residential properties.
 - j. A gravel pit shall be used solely for operations directly related to a gravel pit. Any other use may require a separate permit as approved by the County. It shall be the responsibility of the pit operator or owner to control activity within the pit area and to clean up any debris or other material left on the site. If done in conjunction with a hot mix operation, the recycling of asphalt/concrete may be done in a gravel pit. Storage of asphalt and concrete is permitted in a gravel pit provided it is part of an ongoing recycling effort and meets the screening requirements specified in "d" above.
 - k. All operating gravel pits shall take measures to: control erosion that has the potential to damage adjacent land, and control sedimentation that has the potential to leave the site. The access road shall also be designed in a manner that minimizes erosion. The owner or operator shall maintain all such practices until the pit area is permanently stabilized or reclaimed.
 - l. Provide evidence to the County that all related permits have been secured, such as an NPDES permit from the Mn MPCA.
 - m. Pits shall be defined as being in continuous use provided the owners or their clients remove at least five hundred (500) cubic yards of material in a calendar year.