

Natural Lawn Application/Registration

Fee: \$200

Town of Beaver Dam

W8540 County Road W
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
920-887-0791

Applicant _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Project Address (If different from above) _____

Parcel Identification Number (PIN) _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Lawn area to be plowed/tilled prior to planting? Yes No

Plugs/transplants to be used? Yes No

Note: 1. Attach a site plan, drawn to scale, showing the area to be planted and list of plants, seeds, and/or forbs to be planted.

2. Permit is required only for grasses exceeding 8 inches in height. Permit is NOT required for trees and shrubs.

Certificate

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property and that all the above statements and attachments submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of owner _____ Date _____

Disposition (For Town use only)

Zoning District _____ Date Permit Issued/Denied _____

Total Fees Paid \$ _____ Permit Number _____

Date Collected _____

Land Use Administrator _____

Approval of Adjoiners

We, the owners of lands within 300 feet of the proposed natural lawn site, do not object to the project.

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Town of Beaver Dam Code

10-12(10)(b) *Weeds and plants prohibited.* The owners and occupants of all lawns shall destroy all of the following weeds and plants considered noxious prior to flowering:

1. Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
2. Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)
3. Musk or Nodding thistle (*Cardus acanthoides*)
4. Leafy spurge
5. Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
6. Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia quadrifolia*)
7. Purple loosestrife
8. Multiflora rose
9. Burdock
10. Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*)
11. Garlic mustard
12. Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*)
13. Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)
14. Knapweed (*Centaurea stobe*)
15. Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum Ilaciniatus*)
16. All weeds enumerated in ch. 23.235 and ch. 66.0407, Wis. Stats.

(c) *General lawn requirements.* Except as provided in paragraph (d) below, the owner or occupant of any residential premises (home) in the town shall install and maintain landscaping, so as to present an attractive appearance in all court and yard areas in accordance with generally accepted landscaping practices in the town. Lawns shall be maintained to a height not to exceed 8 inches. Plantings shall be maintained so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on public ways and shall be maintained so as to enhance the appearance and value of the property on which located and thereby the appearance and value of the neighborhood and the town.

(d) *Natural lawns.*

1. *Scope of coverage.* A natural lawn application may be applied for any residential lawn area with the following condition. All neighboring properties within 300 feet of the applicant's residence upon which he is applying for the natural lawn must be informed of the intent and upon notification do affix their signature to an application provided by the land use administrator stating they have no opposition to a natural lawn at the location of the residence applying.
2. *Application; registration and fee.* Any owner or occupant of a lot or parcel subject to paragraph (c) above and desiring a natural lawn may register with the land use administrator for a natural lawn where grasses and forbs exceed 12 inches in height, provided that such plantings meet the requirements of this subsection. The land use administrator shall provide registrants with a copy of this subsection. Registrants must submit a lot survey showing the area to be planted, a list of plants, seeds or forbs to be planted, and whether the property will be cultivated prior to planting or have plugs inserted in the area. The application must conform with the requirements of subsection 10-6(b) thereby receiving approval of neighboring property owners. The registration shall be accompanied by a fee that is set by

town board resolution from time to time. Trimmed trees and shrubs, native or nonnative are allowed without registering.

3. *Maintenance of setbacks and drainage swales.* A 10 foot setback on any street frontage and a 5 foot side and rear setback of all natural lawns shall be maintained. In addition, all drainage swales shall have a 5 foot setback, be free of trees, plantings, and shrubs and maintained in accordance with paragraph (a) above. Adjacent neighbors may agree to waive setbacks for encroachment on side and rear setbacks if outside of drainage swales; such waivers shall be in writing and filed with the building inspector. These setback areas shall have a height of no more than 8 inches, excluding trees, plants and shrubs. In addition, a 5% area exclusive of the setback areas shall be left open for paths maintained to a height of no more than 8 inches.
4. *Review and approval of land management plans.* The land use administrator shall review the list of all registered properties within 21 days of the submittal and notify in writing the owner or occupant of any noncompliance of this subsection. The person receiving such notice of noncompliance shall comply with the requirements of this subsection within 10 days of such notification.
5. *Enforcement.* In the event any previously approved natural lawn fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection, such premises shall be deemed a nuisance under this chapter and the land use administrator may order the nuisance abated pursuant to subsection section 10-36 of this chapter.
6. *Appeal.* Any person aggrieved by the written determination of the building inspector to revoke such registration or to abate a nuisance thereto may file a written appeal within 7 days of receiving such written determination with the board of appeals of the town. The appeal shall state the reasons for reviewing the determination of the building inspector. After giving notice, the committee shall hold a hearing and decide the matter within a reasonable time. The committee may reverse, affirm or modify the determination of the building inspector and issue an order accordingly.