

General Information

Agricultural tourism operations may be allowed in the rural portions of Minnehaha County that are outside of any joint jurisdiction ordinance boundary. Examples of agricultural tourism operations include farm wineries, farm breweries, produce stands, u-pick fruit and vegetable operations, corn mazes, holiday tree farms, and farm experience operations where tourists come to an operating farm to experience the farm life.

Application Requirements

To obtain a permit, first schedule a meeting with the Planning Department to discuss the proposed operation and learn of specific requirements for the use. The cost to apply for an agricultural tourism permit is \$250.

All applications for an agricultural tourism permit are made to the Planning Department. The full application must include:

- A completed application form.
- A detailed typed description of the use, including hours of operation, proposed private events, and any proposed signs.
- A complete site plan showing all aspects of the site such as buildings, location of the various activities on the site, designated parking areas, and driveway access.
- The application fee and any other information the Planning Director determines is necessary for the specific use.

Approval Process

Agricultural tourism permits that meet the listed requirements are approved or denied administratively by the Planning Director. The Planning Director has 20 days to review the application and make a decision. Conditions may

be applied to the approval of the requested permit. The Planning Director's decision on the permit, including conditions, can be appealed to the Board of Adjustment by filing a written appeal request with the Planning Department within five working days of the decision.

If you are unable to meet the ordinance requirements for the agricultural tourism operation, you can apply to have your application heard by the Planning Commission through the same process as a conditional use permit (See Conditional Use Permit Application Packet).

Additional Considerations

Some agricultural tourism uses are allowed to hold special events. These are activities that are open to the public and have more than 100 people. You must notify the Planning Director at least 60 days prior to the event with a description of the event and a proposed plan. The Planning Director will send notice of the event to all property owners within at least 600 feet of your property and allow them two weeks to respond with their comments. If any of the owners submit a written objection, your request will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. If the Planning Director receives no response from neighbors they can grant the permit with conditions or deny the permit. Decisions by the Planning Director can be appealed to the Board of Adjustment by submitting a written request of appeal within five working days of the decision.

Contact Information

Please contact the Minnehaha County Planning Department at 605-367-4204 with any questions. All applications may be submitted to our office on the Third Floor of the County Administration Building, 415 N Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.



AGRICULTURAL TOURISM PERMIT APPLICATION

I/We hereby apply for an agricultural tourism permit and certify that all statements herein and on attached documents are true and correct. I/We understand that any false statements or omissions may result in denial of this permit and jeopardize future permits. I/We grant authority to authorized representatives of Minnehaha County to enter the above noted property at this time and in the future for inspection purposes.

Property Information – Please Fill Out Each of the Following Items

Legal Description: _____

Address or General Location: _____

Parcel Size: _____

Existing Zoning District: _____

Description of Use: _____

Petitioner/Owner Information - Please Fill Out Each of the Following Items

Petitioner Name: _____

Owner Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Office Use Only - Please Do Not Fill Out This Section

Petition Number: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Date: _____

Checked By: _____

Receipt Number: _____

Planning Commission Date: _____