



AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE EXCLUSION APPLICATION

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Purpose

1. As of September 30, 2020, through implementation of amendments to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and *Agricultural Land Reserve Regulation*, the *Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)* will no longer accept *Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion* applications from private landowners.
2. Recognizing the *ALC* is the agency responsible for approving *ALR Exclusion* applications, this policy sets out the criteria for the *Peace River Regional District (PRRD)* to use when reviewing exclusion applications from private landowners seeking to exclude their property from the *ALR*.

Scope

3. This policy applies to all private landowner exclusion applications for *ALR exclusion* within the *PRRD*.

Definitions

4. In this policy:

"Exclusion Application" means an application for exclusion made under section 29 (1) in the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*;

"Private Landowner" means an individual or company registered in the records of the Land Title Office and is not:

- a) The Province, a first nation government, a local government, or
- b) A prescribed public body



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5. The following criteria will be used by staff to assess the private landowner exclusion application for ALR exclusion and prepare a report to the Regional Board for consideration:
 - i. An analysis of the merits of the ALR Exclusion application based on good planning principles, including but not limited to:
 - Land use designation in the Official Community Plan and relevant policies
 - Applicable zone in the Zoning Bylaw
 - Surrounding land uses
 - Percentage of the parcel in the ALR
 - Size of parcel
 - History of ALR Exclusions in the surrounding area
 - Rationale provided by the private landowner for the proposed ALR Exclusion (including any studies or plans provided)
 - Potential Impacts for the surrounding area and broader agricultural community
 - ii. Ministry of Agriculture feedback; and
 - iii. Soils classification and agricultural capability.

6. Each private landowner exclusion application will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and evaluated on its own merits using the criteria listed in 5 above.

7. Application fees will be charged in accordance with the Development Application Procedures and Fees Bylaw.

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