



M.D. OF RANCHLAND No. 66

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



POLICY NAME: **Agricultural Pest and Nuisance Policy**

Section: **Agriculture & Environment**

Policy No.: # **6320-01**

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POLICY PURPOSE:

To mitigate, control, destroy and prevent establishment of any Pest and Nuisance Species identified by the Agricultural Pests Act and the Alberta Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation.

DEFINITIONS:

“**Act**” means the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act and its regulations.

“**Appeal Committee**” means an independent appeal panel as outlined in the Act (5), established annually by the local authority.

“**ASB**” means council appointed members of the Agricultural Service Board.

“**Notice**” means a notice referred to in section 12 through 13 of the Agricultural Pests Act.

“**Municipality**” means the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

The Agricultural Fieldman and appointed inspectors will conduct inspections and initiatives to control, destroy and prevent establishment of any Pest and Nuisance species on all lands within Municipality jurisdiction.

The Agriculture Fieldman and appointed inspectors will conduct inspections and enforcement procedures as outlined in the Act.

voluntary compliance with the Act will be encouraged through professional communication with landowners, occupants, industry stakeholders and members of the general public.

Notices will be issued to applicable occupants in accordance with the Act.

In the instance of non-compliance with a notice, remedial work will be carried out by Municipality employees, or an appointed contractor and the charges will be applied to the property subject of the notice. The remedial charges that apply are outlined in the Act.

As outlined in the Act, notices of appeal will be conveyed to the Appeal Committee

