



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: January 14, 2025	Policy Number 6315
Title: COYOTE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE POLICY	

1. **Policy Statement**

- 1.1. In an effort to support coyote population control within Clear Hills County, the County will implement procedures to provide for a coyote management incentive program for the purpose of promoting coyote management in the municipality. Through this program Participants will receive an incentive payment for the carcass of a coyote harvested lawfully within the Municipality.

2. **Definitions:**

- 2.1. Immediate Family - means the participant's spouse or adult interdependent partner, the participant's children, the parents of the participant and the parents of the participant's spouse or adult interdependent partner
- 2.2. Household – immediate family members that reside in the same dwelling with the Participant.
- 2.3. Farm Unit – means a cooperative, colony, partnership or corporate farm.

3. **General**

- 3.1. The current years budget for the Coyote Management Incentive Program will be based on the surplus funds from the prior years Wolf Management Incentive Program budget.
- 3.2. Clear Hills County shall pay thirty (30) dollars per eligible coyote (adult and non-adult) taken by a participant within the boundaries of Clear Hills County in accordance with the listed conditions.

4. **Conditions**

- 4.1 The Clear Hills County Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be in effect for private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County only.
- 4.2 The program will run from January 1st to May 31st annually and will be suspended at any time if the allocated budget is depleted.
- 4.3 A maximum of twenty (20) coyote carcasses per household per calendar year may be verified for payment to a qualified Participant for carcasses harvested on private land and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County.
- 4.4 In an effort to ensure all landowners are equally able to participate in the Program, while remaining within the budget set by Council for the program, Farm Units will be limited to one participant.
- 4.5 Eligible Participants will:
 - 4.5.1 Be a resident of Clear Hills County on land owned by the resident, or their immediate family, and any farm unit they are a partner in or member of, for no less than 183 days (six months).

- 4.5.2 Provide a list of immediate family that reside in the same dwelling "household" that may participate in this coyote management incentive program.
- 4.5.3 Provide business name, if different than participant's name that land or grazing leases may be registered under.
- 4.5.4 Provide a list of private property owned and grazing leases held in the participant's name or business name within the boundaries of Clear Hills County.
- 4.5.5 Eligible Participants requesting incentive payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix A.
- 4.5.6 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible coyote harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County during specified business hours.
- 4.5.7 Coyote carcasses will only be accepted for Identification marking on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 4.5.8 Rotting Coyote carcasses will not be accepted.
- 4.5.9 Coyote carcasses will not be accepted from third parties.
- 4.5.10 The Participant will make the identification mark on the carcass as directed.
- 4.5.11 Any carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 4.5.12 The Participant will handle the carcass so designated County representative can confirm there are no markings similar to what other jurisdictions or the County use to identify carcasses presented for payment under a wolf management incentive program.
- 4.5.13 Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the coyote carcass using recognized carcass disposal methods. Note: The County recommends disposal to a trapper to reduce waste of fur or other salvageable parts.
- 4.5.14 Participants participating in the Coyote Management Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, and Petty Trespass Act.
- 4.5.15 Participants shall be removed from the list of qualified Participants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be able to receive benefit from the said program, this includes, but is not limited to bringing in carcasses that were previously marked or attempting to receive payment for coyotes taken either from locations within the county not included in this policy or from outside the County.

5. End of Policy

ADOPTED

Resolution C53-16(01/26/16)

AMENDED

Resolution C112-18(02/27/18)

DATE

January 26, 2016

February 27, 2017

RESCINDED

Resolution C469-18(10/09/18)

October 9, 2018

AMENDED

Resolution C16-25(1/14/25)

January 14, 2025



Appendix A (Policy 6315)
Contract of Participation – Coyote Management Incentive Program
Between Participants and Clear Hills County

In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife, the Clear Hills County ("Municipality") has approved a coyote management incentive program ("Program") for the purpose of promoting coyote management within the Municipality. Through this program, ("Participants") will receive a monetary reward ("Reward") for the carcass, with the pelt intact, of a coyote hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

The terms and conditions of participation in the Program are as follows;

1. **STATUTORY ADHERENCE:** While participating in the Program, the Participant will, at all times, abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations*. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere all relevant laws will forfeit any right to a Reward under the Program.
2. **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The Participant will indemnify the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and hold them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Program or participation in the Program.
3. **PRECONDITIONS OF REWARD:** In order to obtain the Reward, the carcass of a lawfully hunted coyote must be presented to a designated representative of the Municipality. Any carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any carcass that has been previously marked in accordance with this program will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a coyote must be lawfully hunted on private property that is owned by Participant or a grazing lease land operated by the Participant within the boundaries of the Municipality. Any person who has not agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation ("Contract") will be considered ineligible to receive the Reward. The Participant must state the location where each coyote was harvested.
4. **REWARD:** If and only if the representative of the Municipality is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Reward will be paid by the Municipality to the Participant. The Reward will be paid by the Municipality to a successful Participant, at the rate set by Council, for each eligible coyote carcass (adult and non-adult) presented.
5. **NOTICE:** Clear Hills County has the discretion to modify this program from time to time without notice to participants.

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email: _____

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Land Location of Residence: _____

Rural Address or Street Address: _____

Have you lived at this location for a minimum of 183 days or six months? _____

Name of Farm Unit, if any _____

Names of Immediate Family Members residing with Applicant (that may participate in this program)

Land Locations of private property owned and grazing leases held by Applicant in personal name or business name)

I the undersigned agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation and Clear Hills County Coyote Management Incentive Policy 6315.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Participant (print): _____ (sign): _____

Witness: (print): _____ (sign): _____

Municipal Officer (print): _____ (sign): _____