FORMAL COMPLAINT OF PRAIRIE DOG NUISANCE AND ENCROACHMENT

Request for Investigation and Corrective Action

County of: _____ **Date Filed:** _____

To: County Board of Commissioners / Designated Prairie Dog Management Authority

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SECTION 1 — COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Person filing the complaint

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to Affected Property:

☐ Property Owner
☐ Farm or Ranch Operator
☐ Authorized Representative
☐ Other: _____

SECTION 2 — LANDOWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR SOURCE PROPERTY

Person who owns or controls the property from which prairie dogs are allegedly originating or expanding

Name of Landowner: _____

Name of Business, Trust, or Entity (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone Number (if known): _____

Name of Tenant, Operator, or Property Manager (if applicable): _____

Source Property Address or General Location: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE PROPERTY

Attach additional legal descriptions if the affected prairie dog colony occupies multiple parcels

County: _____

Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

Quarter Section / Government Lot: _____

Additional Legal Description: _____

Parcel Identification Number (if known): _____

SECTION 3 — LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED PROPERTY

Property onto which prairie dogs are allegedly encroaching

Property Owner's Full Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____

Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

Quarter Section / Government Lot: _____

Additional Legal Description: _____

Parcel Identification Number (if known): _____

Is the affected property directly adjacent to the source property?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Uncertain

Approximate length of shared property boundary: _____

SECTION 4 — DESCRIPTION OF THE PRAIRIE DOG NUISANCE

Approximate date the prairie dogs were first observed: _____

Approximate date the encroachment or expansion was first noticed: _____

Location of the prairie dog colony on the source property: _____

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Location and extent of encroachment onto the affected property: _____

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Approximate number of prairie dog burrows observed on the affected property: _____

Approximate acreage affected: _____

Nature of the Problem (Check all that apply)

☐ Prairie dogs expanding from the source property onto adjoining property.

☐ Damage to agricultural land or growing crops.

☐ Burrows creating hazards for livestock, horses, or other animals.

☐ Damage or hazards affecting farm equipment or vehicles.

☐ Burrows creating hazards near roads, buildings, or other structures.

☐ Loss of usable grazing or agricultural acreage.

☐ Soil erosion or other land damage.

☐ Continued expansion despite previous requests for corrective action.

☐ Other: _____

Detailed Description of the Nuisance and Resulting Damage

Describe the observed conditions, their location, the extent of the problem, and any actual or anticipated damage.

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SECTION 5 — PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION AND MANAGEMENT EFFORTS

Have you contacted the source landowner regarding this problem?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, provide the approximate dates and describe the response.

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Has the source landowner implemented any prairie dog management or control measures, to your knowledge?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unknown

If yes, describe the measures observed or reported.

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Are there any known written agreements concerning prairie dog management, buffer zones, or encroachment between the properties?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unknown

If yes, attach a copy or explain the agreement.

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SECTION 6 — SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Check all materials submitted with this complaint:

☐ Map showing the source property and affected property.

☐ Map identifying the legal boundaries and location of the prairie dog colony.

☐ Photographs of prairie dog burrows or the affected area.

☐ Photographs or documentation of property damage.

☐ Aerial imagery or other location documentation.

☐ Copies of written communications with the source landowner.

☐ Survey, plat, or county assessor property records.

☐ Other supporting documentation: _____

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SECTION 7 — FORMAL REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AND ACTION

I, the undersigned complainant, formally report a prairie dog nuisance and alleged encroachment affecting the property identified in this complaint.

I request that the appropriate county authority:

1. Review this complaint and the supporting documentation.
2. Determine whether the reported prairie dog colony is expanding onto adjoining property.
3. Investigate the location and extent of the reported encroachment, as authorized by applicable law.

4. Determine whether any applicable county prairie dog management plan and Nebraska law require corrective action.
5. Notify the appropriate property owner or owners of any findings and required actions, as authorized by law.
6. Take any further action authorized by applicable law and the county's adopted management program.

I understand that the county's authority and the procedures available to address this complaint may depend on applicable Nebraska law and whether the county has adopted a coordinated black-tailed prairie dog management program.

SECTION 8 — COMPLAINANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this complaint is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the county may contact me for additional information, clarification, or supporting documentation.

Complainant's Printed Name: _____

Complainant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTION 9 — COUNTY USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ **Received By:** _____ **Complaint Number:** _____

Legal Description Verified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Source Property Owner Identified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Affected Property Owner Identified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Supporting Documentation Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Site Investigation Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Investigation Assigned To: _____

Date of Investigation: _____

Findings and Determination:

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Action Taken or Recommended:

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Date Complainant Notified: _____

Date Source Landowner Notified, if applicable: _____

County Official's Name and Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date Closed: _____