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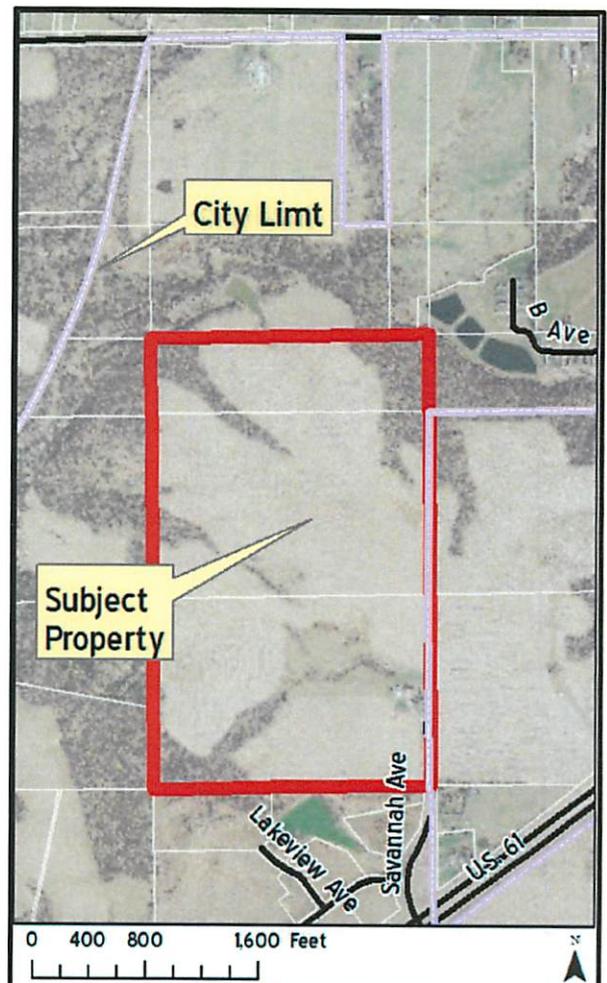
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
From: Andrew Fangman, City Planner
Date: November 20, 2014
Re: Request to Allow Deer Hunting on 143.5 Acres Located 1885 Savannah

INTRODUCTION: A request by Frank Bermel to allow for hunting on 143.5 acres of his property located 1885 Savannah Avenue.

BACKGROUND: On November 12, 2014 Frank Bermel submitted a letter requesting an allowance to hunt to deer using firearms on 143.5 acres of his property located 1885 Savannah Avenue. Mr. Bermel voluntarily annexed the 143.5 acres, subject to this request, into the City of Muscatine. As a consequence, deer hunting on this property became prohibited under Section 7-24-1 of City Code. However, there was a verbal understanding that Mr. Bermel and his family would be allowed to continue hunting their land so long as it remained undeveloped and unsubdivided. In 2013, when adjoining property owners voluntarily annexed into the City of Muscatine, a provision to allow for the property and their family to continue to hunt their land so long as it remained undeveloped and unsubdivided was written directly into their annexation agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request. The City of Muscatine has made similar allowances on adjoining properties. The size and distance of the subject property from any occupied structures means that allowing for hunting on this property creates little danger to public safety.

**BACKUP INFORMATION:**

1. Request

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain

November 12, 2014

To the City of Muscatine,

Please allow deer hunting in December on Frank Bermel's property at 1885 Savannah Ave, Muscatine.

Sincerely,



Frank Bermel

any further questions, please call
563-263-6664.