

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: July 17, 2016
RE: Authorize City Deer Hunt



INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for the City Council to authorize the 2016-17 City Deer Hunt. Prior to each deer hunting season and according to City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons, Section 6-3-20 Bow Hunting Deer, Item A "The hunt shall be authorized by action of the Muscatine City Council prior to October 1st of each year, during the time when such hunting is allowed by the law and regulations of the State of Iowa."

BACKGROUND:

Since the 2006-07 Deer Hunting Season, the City of Muscatine has participated in a city wide deer hunt program with the guidance of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Attached you will find the 2015-16 Deer Hunt Report. The report will show that we have experienced minimal issues while successfully managing our deer population.

If approved, this years hunt will again be for bow hunting on approved private property with two (2) acres or more. Property owners may combine parcels to reach the two (2) acre minimum.

The hunt will run from Saturday, September 17, 2016 through Sunday, January 10, 2017.

The required proficiency test will be for the hunter to successfully shoot 3 of 5 arrows in a 5 inch circle from a 20 yard distance. Only two chances will be allowed in one day.

RECOMMENDATION:

At this time, the City Staff would recommend that the Muscatine City Council approve the 2016-17 City Deer Hunt as outlined in the City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons
2. 2015-16 City Deer Hunt Report

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Please contact me if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

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TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: 2015-16 City Deer Hunt Report



Please accept this memo and the attached information as a summary report for the 2014-15 City of Muscatine Deer Hunt Program.

As you are aware, since the 2006-07 deer hunting season, the City of Muscatine has participated in a Deer Management Zone Program guided by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The total deer harvest results are listed below with specific results attached.

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	10 Years
Total	35	72	55	43	27	47	30	34	41	40	424

The 2015-16 City Deer Hunt Program details are as follows:

- The preseason hunt meeting took place on August 27, 2015, with 34 hunters in attendance.
- The hunting proficiency test dates were September 2, September 5, and September 9. Special times were scheduled as groups could be coordinated with available staff times. The test consisted of successfully shooting 3 of 5 arrows in a five inch circle from a 20 yard distance. Only two chances were allowed in one day. There were 34 hunters that passed the test.
- The City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was Saturday, September 19, 2015, to Sunday, January 10, 2016. The City Zone Hunt is greater in length than the normal state wide hunting season.
- A total of 200 deer tags were available to hunters wishing to participate. The tags were available at the County Recorder's office.
- A total of 15 hunters took the 40 deer killed in this season's hunt (31 doe, 6 buck, 3 button back).

In summary, the 2015-16 City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was successful in that it allowed for the controlled elimination of the deer population. According to the IDNR, we are accomplishing our goal and we are in a maintenance mode instead of an eradication mode.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Attach: 2015-16 Deer Hunt Results

2015-2016 Muscatine Deer Management Harvest Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hunters address</u>	<u>Doe</u>	<u>Buck</u>	<u>B Buck</u>	<u>Tag number</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mike Schubick	902 E. 6th St	X			507808285	11/18/2015
		X			703658484	12/9/2015
		X			790714679	1/6/2016
Martin Radke	2716 Mulberry Ave	X			821701257	11/23/2015
		X			569377229	10/25/2015
Bill Wagler	1822 New Hampshire		X		688020870	11/23/2015
		X			638031507	9/23/2015
			X		603029702	9/23/2015
		X			989031199	9/20/2015
		X			161035839	10/4/2015
Daniel Lincoln	1538 W. Acre Dr	X			464038400	9/27/2015
		X			726038119	11/26/2015
		X			279338974	10/4/2015
Rodney Kleindolph	1023 Newell	X			260598644	11/8/2015
		X			573526147	11/27/2015
Terry Kirshner	2764 Crestview Dr			X	717532123	12/5/2015
				X	375520659	
		X			696234646	12/20/2015
				X	927030551	10/26/2015
Kevin Ellsworth	120Addis Court, Wilton	X			250880499	11/14/2015
		X			670124445	9/14/2015
		X			214981813	9/30/2015
Fred Haller Jr.	525 Lorenz		X		842930679	11/1/2015
		X			102545399	11/6/2015
		X			582343117	9/19/2015
Fred Haller	525 Lorenz	X			884297540	10/13/2015
		X			388445306	10/2/2015
Tim Hull	2664 Northwood Cir.	X			446888570	9/20/2015
		X			453446189	10/26/2015
		X			969351816	10/25/2015
		X			307637058	11/9/2015
Wayne Tompkins	6705 Wellington Dr.		X		775329580	9/27/2015
		X			306886698	10/4/2015
		X			241858778	10/10/2015
		X			810771532	10/1/2015
				X	519114177	11/6/2015
Jason Peterson		X			658587381	10/4/2015
Dan Ales	618 Hagerman	X			635513195	10/25/2015
Justin Johnson	915 W. 11th Street		X		87468889	11/17/2015
Mike Zorich	23 Colony Dr.			X	448828789	1/3/2016
		31	6	3		

6-3-20 Weapons.

A. Discharging Firearms. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw any missile upon any street, alley, public place or to discharge any firearm, B.B. gun, pellet gun, bow and arrow, sling shot, or any other device which discharges a projectile, within the corporate limits of the City of Muscatine, except on a recognized target range.

(Code of Iowa, Section 364.12[2])

Deer Hunting Exception. It shall not be deemed a violation of this Subsection to use a

bow and arrow to hunt deer on parcels of two (2) acres or more, or to discharge a firearm, other than a centerfire rifle or other offensive weapon as defined by Iowa Code, to hunt deer on parcels of sixty (60) contiguous acres or more, subject to the following conditions:

1. The person is the owner of the property or has permission from the owner to allow for bow or firearm hunting.
 2. The person bow hunting must successfully complete a proficiency test as approved by action of the Muscatine City Council.
 3. The person has a license or permit required by the State of Iowa to hunt deer with a bow or firearm.
 4. The person has a permit issued by the Muscatine City Clerk.
 5. The bow hunt shall be authorized by action of the Muscatine City Council prior to October 1 of each year, during the time when such hunting is allowed by the law and regulations of the State of Iowa.
 6. Hunting shall not occur within 50 yards of any residence, church, or occupied structure.
 7. The bow hunt shall be limited to the sex of the deer allowed by the laws or regulations of the State of Iowa and as allowed by action of the Muscatine City Council.
 8. The person hunting must demonstrate compliance with these requirements to any law enforcement officer upon request.
 9. Persons wishing to participate in the bow hunting program are required to attend an informational meeting held by the City of Muscatine in advance of the designated season.
 10. With the permission of City Council, designated public property may be used during the designated hunting season.
 11. Property owners with adjoining lot lines will be permitted to combine properties to reach the minimum two (2) acres required for bow hunting and there will be no zoning restriction on this acreage. However, property owners are not allowed to join property in order to reach the sixty-acre (60) requirement needed to qualify for the firearm hunting exception allowed under this Section. The sixty (60) acres must be contiguous.
- B. Carrying of Weapons. It shall be unlawful for any person to go armed with a dangerous weapon concealed on or about the person, or to, within the limits of the City, go armed with a pistol or revolver, or any loaded firearm of any kind, whether concealed or not, or to knowingly carry or transport in a vehicle a pistol or revolver, except as otherwise provided under Chapter 724.4 of the Code of Iowa.