

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation  
DATE: July 23, 2017  
RE: Authorize City Deer Hunt



INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for the City Council to authorize the 2017-18 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2016-17 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 16, 2017 through Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

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 2017-18 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. 2016-17 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: 2016-17 City Deer Hunt Report

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a summary report for the 2016-17 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 in collaboration with 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	2016-17	11 Years
Total	35	72	55	43	27	47	30	34	41	40	54	478

The 2016-17 City Deer Hunt Program details are as follows:

- The preseason hunt meeting took place on August 31, 2016, with 45 hunters in attendance.
- The hunting proficiency test dates were September 7, 10, and 14, 2016. 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 45 hunters that passed the test.
- The City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was Saturday, September 17, 2016, to Tuesday, January 10, 2017.
- A total of 200 deer tags were available to hunters wishing to participate. An additional 100 tags were made available upon request this year. The tags were available for purchase at the County Recorder's Office.
- A total of 23 hunters took the 54 deer killed in this season's hunt (46 doe, 4 buck, 4 button buck).

In summary, the 2016-17 City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was successful in that it allowed for the controlled reduction 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: 2016-17 Deer Hunt Results

2016-17 Muscatine Deer Management Harvest Report

Name	Address	Doe	Buck	B Buck	Tag #	Date
Tim Hull	2664 Northwood Cir.	X			482839814	10/13/2016
		X			416397248	10/13/2016
		X			689366870	10/9/2016
			X		832817647	10/22/2016
Martin Radke	2716 Mulberry Ave.	X			180393720	10/14/2016
Todd Bermel	304 Myrtle Ln.	X			412536914	10/1/2016
		X			425795663	10/1/2016
		X			339972874	11/11/2016
Mike Zorich	23 Colony Dr.	X			150839581	10/9/2016
		X			401124102	10/10/2016
		X			991538322	11/2/2016
Rodney Kleindolph	1023 Newell Ave.	X			836538688	11/22/2016
		X			577574718	10/20/2016
		X			743189631	10/20/2016
Kevin Ellsworth	120 Addies Ct., Wilton, IA	X			547140301	10/21/2016
		X			267544591	11/10/2016
		X			314672890	10/23/2016
Jeff Henning	102 Bow Hunting Dr., Fruitland, IA	X			160624268	11/6/2016
		X			414924795	11/1/2016
		X			555315159	11/6/2016
Larry Brossart	2764 Edgeview Rd.	X			408456067	10/29/2016
		X			640141610	11/3/2016
Terry Kirchner	2764 Crestview Rd.			X	498420868	11/10/2016
		X			427602529	11/12/2016
Paul Ales	618 Hagerman Dr.	X			556257772	9/19/2016
		X			383826781	9/28/2016
Keith Pogemiller	1810 Logan St.	X			311603559	9/21/2016
		X			203337720	10/13/2016
		X			434950309	10/20/2016
Wayne Tomkins	6705 Wellington Dr.	X			605673193	11/8/2016
		X			319031148	9/22/2016
		X			379852064	9/27/2016
Billy Wagler	1822 New Hampshire St.	X			294039704	10/3/2016
		X			367269305	10/15/2016
		X		X	666019163	10/28/2016
Fred Haller Jr.	525 Lorenz St.	X			379852064	9/27/2016
		X			365781301	10/15/2016
Edwin Steinke	2132 231st St.	X			558396073	9/28/2016
		X		X	311273718	11/24/2016
Richard Shaw	1700 Orange St.	X			763824463	1/8/2017
		X			259008340	9/28/2016
		X			727790982	1/10/2017
Mike Schubick	902 E 6th St.	X			898846852	1/10/2017
		X			125339192	10/21/2016
		X		X	364511537	11/16/2016
Dan Lincoln	1538 W Acre Dr.	X			306485111	10/13/2016
		X			333922508	10/27/2016
		X			141424440	11/27/2016
Brian Scott	3102 Peartree Ln.	X			548814573	11/11/2016
		X			727822499	11/13/2016
Mark Lick	1100 Oakland Dr.	X			135787417	12/28/2016
		X			339451056	11/20/2016
Zach Doak	1503 Hershey Ave.	X			408836890	11/22/2016
Matt Potter	710 W 4th St.	X			3956449	12/17/2016
James Schubick	902 E 6th St.	X				

Total

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### 54 Total Deer

### **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.