

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation  
DATE: August 17, 2015  
RE: Authorize City Deer Hunt



INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for the City Council to authorize the 2015-16 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 2014-15 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 19, 2015 through Sunday, January 10, 2016.

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 2015-16 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. 2014-15 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.

## **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.

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TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation *Rich*  
SUBJECT: 2014-15 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	9 Years
Total	35	72	55	43	27	47	30	34	41	384

The 2013-14 City Deer Hunt Program details are as follows:

- The preseason hunt meeting took place on August 28, 2014, with 38 hunters in attendance.
- The hunting proficiency test dates were September 3, September 6, and September 10. 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 38 hunters that passed the test.
- The City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was Saturday, September 13, 2014, to Sunday, January 10, 2015. 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 17 hunters took the 41 deer killed in this season's hunt (34 doe, 5 buck, 2 button back).

In summary, the 2014-15 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: 2014-15 Deer Hunt Results

City of Muscatine  
2014/15 Muscatine Deer Management Harvest Report

Name	Phone #	Doe	Buck	B.Buck	Tag #	Date
Tim Hull	563-272-8531		X		920497195	9/13/2014
		X			117628412	9/13/2014
		X			133127738	9/23/2014
		X			267429058	10/3/2014
Martin Radtke	563-263-5403	X			000-319-442	9/19/2014
		X			533775870	9/24/2014
		X			613-901115	10/12/2014
		X			502709504	12/12/2014
		X			284602943	12/12/2014
Wayne Thompkins	563-506-5938	X			303811194	9/14/2014
		X			866812100	10/4/2014
			X		617012976	10/4/2014
			X		223724857	10/2/2014
		X			365173319	10/31/2014
			X		624325163	11/18/2014
		X			401044029	11/2/2014
Terry Kirchner	563-343-1438	X			798236477	9/14/2014
		X			598612414	10/11/2014
		X			382993129	10/20/2014
John Jindrich	563-299-2575		X		002898609	9/14/2014
Justin Johnson	563-272-8100	X			?	9/15/2014
		X			529395212	9/27/2014
				X	964338300	10/3/2014
		X			952337327	10/9/2014
Fred Haller	563-264-3367	X			141796656	9/19/2014
Kevin Ellsworth	563-506-7669	X			275849661	10/1/2014
		X			387511231	10/11/2014
		X			128769296	11/1/2014
		X			236043287	1/5/2015
Mike Mathis	563-264-0505	X			367115615	10/9/2014
Troy Bermel	563-260-7760	X			581-359-007	10/12/2014
Todd Bermel	563-299-5678	X			984415643	11/2/2014
		X			435165188	11/7/2014
Mike Zorich	563-271-8797	X			486403330	11/6/2014
Lody Kleindolph		X			267221224	11/6/2014
Paul Ales	563-299-4295	X			740598008	11/12/2014
Richard Shaw	563-554-9546	X			144139590	12/3/2014
Billy Wagler	812-259-5748			X	217029968	12/6/2014
		X			963030471	1/3/2015
		X			223057815	1/11/2015
Rodney Kleindolph	563-299-2662	X			240534069	1/8/2015
Totals: 17 Hunters		34	5	2	(41 Total Deer Harvested)	

City of Muscatine  
Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department  
Muscatine Deer Hunt

2015-16 Bow Deer Hunting  
Time Line

August 20, 2015 – City Council Approved 2015-16 Bow Hunt

August 21, 2015 – Letter to Past Hunters Sent Out

August 21, 2015 – Deer Hunt Press Release Sent Out

August 27, 2015 – Required Public Meeting with Hunters

September 2, 2015 – First Proficiency Test Date

September 5, 2015 – Second Proficiency Test Date

September 9, 2015 – Final Proficiency Test Date

September 19, 2015 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Starts

January 10, 2016 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Ends