


MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation 
DATE: August 8, 2018
RE: Authorize City Deer Hunt

INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for the City Council to authorize the 2018-19 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 2017-18 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 15, 2018 through Thursday, January 10, 2019.

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 2018-19 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. 2017-18 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
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SUBJECT: 2017-18 City Deer Hunt Report

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a summary report for the 2017-18 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	2017-18	12 Years
Total	35	72	55	43	27	47	30	34	41	40	54	61	539

The 2017-18 City Deer Hunt Program details are as follows:

- The preseason hunt meeting took place on August 30, 2017, with 56 hunters in attendance.
- The hunting proficiency test dates were September 6, 9, and 13, 2017. 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 56 hunters that passed the test.
- The City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was Saturday, September 16, 2017, to Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
- 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 24 hunters took the 61 deer killed in this season's hunt (53 doe, 7 buck, 1 button buck).

In summary, the 2017-18 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: 2017-18 Deer Hunt Results

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.

2017/18 Muscatine Deer Management Harvest Report

Name	Hunters Address	Doe	Buck	B Buck	Tag #	Date
Boliver Esteban	10 Byron Ln., Muscatine	X			397197807	9/16/2017
Austin Lick	1100 Oakland Dr., Muscatine	X			445316474	12/27/2017
		X			977985688	10/9/2017
Cody Lick	1100 Oakland Dr., Muscatine	X			291342764	11/16/2017
		X			364923987	12/27/2017
Kevin Ellsworth	120 Addies Ct., Wilton	X			515316859	1/3/2018
			X		568276927	10/8/2017
		X			273095182	10/9/2017
				X	219079084	9/30/2017
		X			337877559	10/27/2017
Fred Haller Jr.	525 Lorenz St., Muscatine	X			391624434	10/23/2017
		X			816027048	10/4/2017
		X			147697429	11/16/2017
Tim Hull	2664 Northwood Cir., Muscatine	X			338795529	10/12/2017
		X			797317518	10/17/2017
		X			463670505	9/30/2017
Richard Shaw	1700 Orange St., Muscatine	X			307458760	11/14/2017
Dick Shaw	1314 Smalley St., Muscatine	X			586582363	10/29/2017
		X			443736434	10/26/2017
Wayne Tompkins	6705 Wellington Dr, Muscatine		X		286283999	11/4/2017
		X			452507908	9/19/2017
		X			154863039	9/19/2017
		X			806275889	9/30/2017
Cory Berry	1202 Park Dr., Muscatine	X			807451349	10/15/2017
Larry Brossart	2764 Edgeview Rd., Muscatine	X			441930466	11/10/2017
			X		162317960	12/3/2017
		X			241294156	11/13/2017
		X			712954018	11/7/2017
Daniel Paul Ales	618 Hagerman Dr., Muscatine	X			292096898	11/14/2017
		X			514133339	11/5/2017
		X			002901817	9/18/2017
		X			382518892	12/23/2017
Mark Lick	1100 Oakland Dr., Muscatine	X			401626379	12/26/2017
		X			421000167	11/11/2017
		X			297600850	11/20/2017
Martin Radtke	618 Haggerman St., Muscatine	X			157187618	11/6/2017
		X			414090175	11/13/2017
		X			773216239	10/25/2017
Brian Scott	3102 Peartree Ln., Muscatine	X			185915881	10/28/2017
Todd Bermel	2551 Stewart Rd., Muscatine	X			761979178	11/3/2017
		X			630962447	11/8/2017
Joaquin Aguilar	609 Leroy St., Muscatine		X		371383209	11/28/2017
Billy Wagler	1822 New Hampshire St., Muscatine	X			923021968	9/30/2017
		X			828033173	10/2/2017
		X			411743958	9/17/2017
			X		247244940	11/12/2017
Michael Schubick	902 E 6th St., Muscatine	X			597044973	9/22/2017
		X			250608601	9/23/2017
			X		921622635	12/2/2017
		X			588086314	10/28/2017
Daniel Lincoln	1538 W Acre Dr., Muscatine		X		606696359	11/11/2017
		X			621678549	10/15/2017
Ed Steinke	2132 231st St., Muscatine	X			749899746	9/17/2017
		X			405034331	9/17/2017
		X			3123437	9/18/2017

John Jindrich	1314 Smalley St., Muscatine	X	198876088	10/20/2017
		X	607286978	10/15/2017
Terry Kirchner	2764 Crestview Rd., Muscatine	X	752644948	10/28/2017
		X	646563929	12/2/2017
		X	326295110	12/3/2017
Jonathan Estabrook	10 Byron Ln., Muscatine	X	506231436	11/1/2017
Totals: Hunters=55		Doe=53	Buck=7	B Buck=1
		Deer Harvested=61		

Hunters Taken Deer=24

Hunters That Took 3 or more Doe:12

1. Kevin Ellsworth
2. Fred Haller Jr.
3. Tim Hull
4. Wayne Tompkins
5. Larry Brossart
6. Daniel Paul Ales
7. Mark Lick
8. Martin Radtke
9. Billy Wagler
10. Michael Schubick
11. Ed Steinke
12. Terry Kirchner