

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS:

Section One: Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-9, Paragraph (c) of the Code of Ordinances of The City of Rock Island, Illinois, is hereby amended by inserting an additional sentence at the end of paragraph (c) as follows:

The prohibition against shooting a bow and arrow within the city limits shall not apply to the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow in accordance with paragraph (d).

Section Two: Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-9, Paragraph (d) of the Code of Ordinances of The City of Rock Island, Illinois is hereby amended by deleting said paragraph in its entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(d) A person may discharge a long, re-curve, compound bow, or cross bow as permitted by the Illinois Department of Natural regulations and the laws of the State of Illinois, within the corporate limits of the City during the course of harvesting deer if the following requirements are met:

- (i) The person must possess a valid deer archery permit issued by the State of Illinois and must comply with all of the conditions of the permit and all applicable laws and regulations of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources relating to archery deer hunting.
- (ii) The person must possess a Deer Hunting Permit issued by the City. The cost for this Permit shall be \$ \$25.00. The application procedure necessary for obtaining a permit shall be according to the City of Rock Island Deer Management Rules and Restrictions for Deer Hunting attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.
- (iii) The number of locations or "sites" for deer hunting to be permitted shall be set by the City Council on an annual basis. For the 2013-2014 hunting season, there shall be eight (8) permitted "sites" with no more than four (4) "sites" located on private property. The size of each "site", whether on public or private property, must have a minimum of three (3) contiguous acres. City Staff shall identify and approve all "sites".
- (iv) Each hunter shall be authorized to hunt from an approved "stand" located on the permitted hunting "sites". Each "stand" located on an approved "site" shall have a minimum platform height of six (6) feet. No person shall knowingly direct an arrow across the boundary of or off the designated "site". Only one (1) hunter per "stand" at any one time will be allowed. If multiple "stands" are to be located on a "site", each "stand" shall have a density of no less than five (5) acres.
- (v) Locating appropriate hunting "sites" will be the responsibility of the hunter. The hunter shall provide "site" information to the Chief of Police who will forward it

to the Community and Economic Development Department who will determine if the "site" information complies with this Ordinance and the Rules and Procedures for Deer Hunting in Exhibit A. The "site" information submitted by the hunter shall include a description and address of the proposed hunting "site".

- (vi) Hunting will only be allowed on those specific days designated as deer bow season by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and The City of Rock Island, Illinois.
- (vii) The total number of deer to be harvested as well as the number of male and female deer allowed to be harvested per hunter shall be set by rule in Exhibit A.
- (viii) The manner for removal of a harvested deer shall be set by rule in Exhibit A.

Section Three: Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-9, of the Code of Ordinances of The City of Rock Island, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph (e) as follows:

(e) The minimum fine for a violation of the provisions of this Section shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). In the event a person is accused of a violation of this Section and does not wish to contest said allegation prior to the time a complaint is issued for the violation, then the person so accused may pay to the City at police headquarters a penalty in the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for and in full satisfaction of the violation.

Paragraphs (d) and (e) shall only be in force for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 bow and arrow deer hunting season.

Section Four. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they do so conflict.

Section Five. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

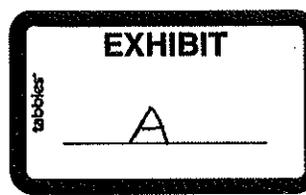
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City of Rock Island

Deer Management Rules and Restrictions



The City of Rock Island is permitting a trial archery hunting program for deer in an effort to better control the deer population counts within the boundaries of the City. The intent is to give control of hunting to the property owners, yet enable archery hunters to harvest the deer for their use or to provide meat for social agencies.

For the 2013-2014 season a limited number of hunting sites will be approved within the City of Rock Island. A hunting site must meet minimum requirements and will be contingent upon property owner approval. Hunting sites will be selected based on criteria including deer concentration, safety, and overall impact. There are stipulations required of the hunters in an effort to make the program as safe as possible, yet achieve the goal of thinning the numbers of deer within the city limits.

Hunters

Obtaining a Permit

Hunters must obtain a permit in order to participate in the Rock Island Deer Management Program. In order to obtain a permit, hunters will need to provide the following:

- Written permission from the property owner of the site they desire to hunt.
- Hunters are encouraged to obtain permission from adjacent and abutting property owners, these properties will be considered part of the hunting site.
- Proficiency Certification from an approved provider.
- Copy of Illinois Hunting License
- Completed Rock Island Deer Management Application Form

Hunting Rules and Regulations

- Hunters must adhere to all State of Illinois and Department of Natural Resources, guidelines, rules, and restrictions.
- Hunters must obtain appropriate state permits and tags.
- Hunters must have a valid City of Rock Island permit.
- Hunters will harvest at least two does before harvesting a buck.
- All deer harvested as part of the deer management program must be checked in at the two identified fire stations. (Entire deer).
- All remains must be removed from the hunting site.
- Hunters will obtain permission from property owners before tracking or retrieving a deer that travels out of the approved hunting area. Illinois is not a right to retrieve state.

Hunting Sites

Sites will be approved by the City based upon criteria including deer concentration, safety, and overall impact.

Restrictions and Requirements

- Consist of no less than 3 contiguous acres.
- 100 yards from a school, park, or church, unless approved.
- Situated in a manner that all shots are taken at a downward angle.
- Shots must not be taken in a way they may carry into an open or occupied area.
- Only one hunter active per site at any time.
- Certain sites may have a time restriction when hunting is allowed.
- All sites will be signed with signage obtained from the Rock Island Police Department. This signage will be placed in manner that is visible to neighboring and abutting property owners when hunters are active.
- Hunters cannot use nails, screws or other hardware to affix stands. Only straps or other non-injuring attachment may be used in trees.

Multiple Hunters

- Additional hunters may be allowed when using a separate stand at a density of no less than 1 hunter per 5 acres.
- Property owners may coordinate with multiple hunters to utilize a site, but only one hunter may actively use a stand at any one time.

Property Owners

- Property owners reserve the right to deny hunting on their property.
- Property owners wishing to hunt or allow hunting on their property must submit their site for approval to the Deer Management Program Manager.
- The City will notify property owners that are adjacent and abutting an approved hunting site in advance via letter.
- Property owners with objections or concerns regarding hunting in their vicinity should state their concern in writing or contact the Deer Management Program Manager.

Public Lands

Hunters who are unable to locate a suitable site within Rock Island are eligible to hunt on selected public lands such as golf courses or other specifically identified areas. The hunters will follow all of the requirements identified for hunting on private land. In addition the following procedures will be used to determine who will hunt on those lands. Larger private properties such as cemeteries may follow a similar process.

- Hunting stand areas will be identified by the “controlling agency”, a department, board, or designated individual.
- Hunter will enter their name into a lottery for a chance of being awarded permission to place a hunting stand designated areas.
- Names will be selected through a drawing with each of the names noted in order.
- Hunters who are awarded an area, must obtain their City of Rock Island permit before any hunting takes place.
- If a hunter exhausts their supply of deer tags and the season is still open, they are to notify the controlling agency. The controlling agency is then responsible for contacting the next eligible hunter.
- The hunter will notify the controlling agency in advance when they plan to be active. This may be done in person or through a mutually agreed upon process.

Un-Permitted Hunting

- Any hunting which takes place without appropriate permits will be considered poaching and treated as such.
- Any hunting on property which is not approved by the City will be considered poaching and treated as such.
- Hunting on property without the property owners explicit permission is impermissible.
- Any violation of the Deer Management Program rules and guidelines will result in the permanent revocation of City hunting privileges and subject the hunter to a possible fine for violating the enabling Ordinance.