

**MEMORANDUM
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

SUBJECT: Deer Hunting Program

NUMBER: 15-04

RE: 2015 / 2016 Recommendations

Date: 02/24/15

In the fall of 2013 the Rock Island City Council approved the first controlled deer hunt within the City of Rock Island.

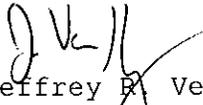
After an evaluation of the first deer hunt, several recommendations were made and approved by the Council for a second deer hunt to coincide with the 2014 / 2015 hunting season.

On February 16th, 2016, the City Council was provided with an update on the results of the 2014 / 2015 season. Staff recommends continuing the program for the 2015 / 2016 season, along with the additional recommendations:

- Full hunting season October 1, 2015 - January 17, 2016
- Maintain up to eight (8) private sites
- Maintain up to six (6) public sites
- Maintain \$50 administrative fee per hunter
- Adult/Youth Hunting Partnership
- Maintain the requirement that two (2) does be harvested before a buck
- Encourage hunters to share stands allowing for maximum time on stand
- Authorize staff to accept donations that will be utilized to offset the costs of tags and processing to encourage additional harvesting. Deer harvested through the use of donations will be distributed to those in need identified through various social service agencies/programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize deer harvesting in the City of Rock Island to coincide with the 2015 / 2016 State of Illinois Deer Hunting Season and implement additional staff recommendations.

SUBMITTED BY: 
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Chief of Police

APPROVED: Thomas Thomas
City Manager