

MEMORANDUM
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

SUBJECT: Deer Hunting Program

NUMBER: 15-08

RE: Ordinance Changes

Date: 04/15/15

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

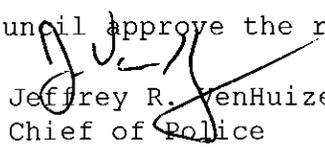
After an evaluation of the first deer hunt, several recommendations were made and approved by the Council for a second deer hunt to coincide with the 2014 / 2015 hunting season.

On February 16th, 2016, the City Council was provided with an update on the results of the 2014 / 2015 season. Staff recommended continuing the program for the 2015 / 2016 season, along with additional recommendations to establish guidelines for the distribution of harvested animals.

The City Attorney has prepared changes to the ordinance that reflect staff and City Council input.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the recommended ordinance changes.

SUBMITTED BY:  Jeffrey R. VenHuizen
Chief of Police

APPROVED: Thomas Thomas
City Manager

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 I, Section 10-9, of the Code of Ordinances of The City of Rock Island, Illinois, is hereby amended by deleting subsections (d)(3), (d)(8) and the first two paragraphs of subsection (f) in their entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(d)(3) The number of locations or “sites” for deer hunting to be permitted shall be set by the City Council on an annual basis. There shall be fourteen (14) permitted “sites” with no more than eight (8) “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”.

(d)(8) The manner for removal of a harvested deer shall be set by rule in subsection (f)(1)b. of this section.

This subsection (d) shall only be in force for bow and arrow deer hunting seasons as approved by City Council.

(f)Deer Management Rules and Restrictions: The City of Rock Island permits an archery hunting program for deer in an effort to better control the deer population within the boundaries of the City, contingent, however, upon annual Council review. 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.

Hunting sites will be selected based on criteria including deer concentration, safety, and overall impact. There are stipulations required of hunters in an effort to make the program as safe as possible, yet achieve the goal of thinning the number of deer within the city limits.”

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

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 10 days after its passage and approval, as required by law.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK