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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

### **City Manager's Office**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

#### **SUBJECT—**

Amend Chapter 70 of the Des Moines Municipal Code to allow the Park and Recreation Director to permit deer hunting in City parks.

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

Amend Sec. 70-84, subsection (ba)(c) to include verbiage inadvertently omitted from the ordinance when an amendment to include the word "Antlerless" was made in August of 1999.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

#### **BACKGROUND—**

On June 1, 1998, the City Council passed an ordinance allowing the Park and Recreation Director to issue permits for bow hunting of deer during the second bow season in City parks. Ordinance No. 13,741, approved by Council on August 16, 1999, was intended to insert "antlerless" and make other small changes to be consistent with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) regulations. However, the text allowing bow hunting of deer in City parks was inadvertently left out of the new ordinance. This error was recently discovered. The proposed ordinance reinserts the authority of the Park and Recreation Director to issue permits to bow hunt deer in City parks but does not limit the hunting to the second bow season but rather the entire IDNR bow hunting season. This action further

limits the parks where hunting may occur to only those parks within the IDNR designated “Des Moines Special Deer Management Zones”