



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

September 10, 2007

Agenda Item No. 49

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-533

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

AGENDA HEADING:

First reading of an ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines to authorize the Park and Recreation Director to issue hunting permits to licensed bow hunters for hunting antlerless deer within the public or private areas in the City designated as the “Des Moines Special Deer Management Zones.”

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of an ordinance amendment authorizing the Park and Recreation Director to issue hunting permits to licensed bow hunters for hunting antlerless deer. Bow hunting would only be permitted within the public or private areas of the City designated as the “Des Moines Special Deer Management Zones.”

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Controlled bow hunting of deer within the City limits of Des Moines is held annually in the Fall in response to continued growth in the urban deer population that has resulted in damage to natural vegetation, increased deer/vehicle collisions and damage to private landscaping. The current ordinance does not require bow hunters to obtain a “special use permit” from the Park and Recreation Department when hunting on private property within the boundaries of the City of Des Moines. Registration of all bow hunters with the Park and Recreation Department ensures that hunting rules are disclosed to all hunters regardless of whether they hunt on public or private property within the City. It also assists in documenting the deer harvest and helps to disseminate awareness of hunting rules to participating property owners and the general public.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 25, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1901

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 70 of the Municipal Code regarding bow hunting. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance do now pass, [#14,587](#). Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: December 19, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-3018

Action: Amending Chapter 70 of the Municipal Code to allow the Park & Recreation Director to permit deer hunting in City Parks. ([Council Communication No. 05-736](#)) Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Brooks.

Date: August 5, 2002

Roll Call Number: 02-1965

Action: Amending Section 70-84 of the Municipal Code, reducing distance to 200' from residence, to carry an uncased hunting bow. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: McPherson.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE