CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 20, 2018

ITEM: Resolution – Approval of West Des Moines Deer Management Zone – 2220 South 92nd Street

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The owner of property located at 2220 South 92nd Street, Mr. Jered Rogers, has requested the establishment of a West Des Moines Deer Management Zone (WDMDMZ) on his private property so that controlled bowhunting can occur. A map showing the location is attached.

The hunting ordinance (Title 5, Chapter 2, Offenses, Section 30, "Hunting") allows for the City to designate West Des Moines Deer Management Zones (WDMDMZ) on private property within the city limits by a resolution of the City Council. Hunting within these zones must take place according to the regulations established in Section C of the hunting ordinance.

All surrounding property owners within 370 feet of the proposed WDMDMZ were noticed by mail (see attached notice dated 7/9/18) and invited to provide comments. No comments were received.

If approved, staff will be working closely with the property owner to select a maximum of two hunters that meet all qualifications of the City Controlled Bowhunt and to issue City hunting permits. Hunting could start as early as September 15, 2018 with the season ending on January 27, 2019. An orientation will take place with each hunter to insure that they are knowledgeable of the City Controlled Bowhunt rules and regulations prior to any hunting.

This matter was taken to the Public Safety Council Committee on August 3, 2018 where Councilman Trimble approved the establishment of the zone. Councilwoman Hardman was not in attendance.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the Resolution.

Lead Staff Member: Sally Ortgies SO for SO

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	KW

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	N/A
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Public Safety		
Date Reviewed	8/3/18		
Recommendation	Yes		

RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING A WEST DES MOINES DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE

WHEREAS, Section 5-2-30 of the West Des Moines City Code (1999) provides that the City Council may designate by resolution areas within the City as a West Des Moines Deer Management Zone to allow the controlled bowhunting of deer within such a zone under the rules of that section to control the deer population within the City; and

WHEREAS, said designation may occur on private property; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a need to control the deer population in and around the properties designated in the attached exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the designated property has voluntarily requested to have their property included in the West Des Moines Deer Management Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA THAT the private property as designated in the attached exhibit "A" is declared a West Des Moines Deer Management Zone pursuant to Section 5-2-30 of the West Des Moines City Code (1999), and shall be subject to the rules provided therein and any additional regulations promulgated pursuant to the West Des Moines City Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2018.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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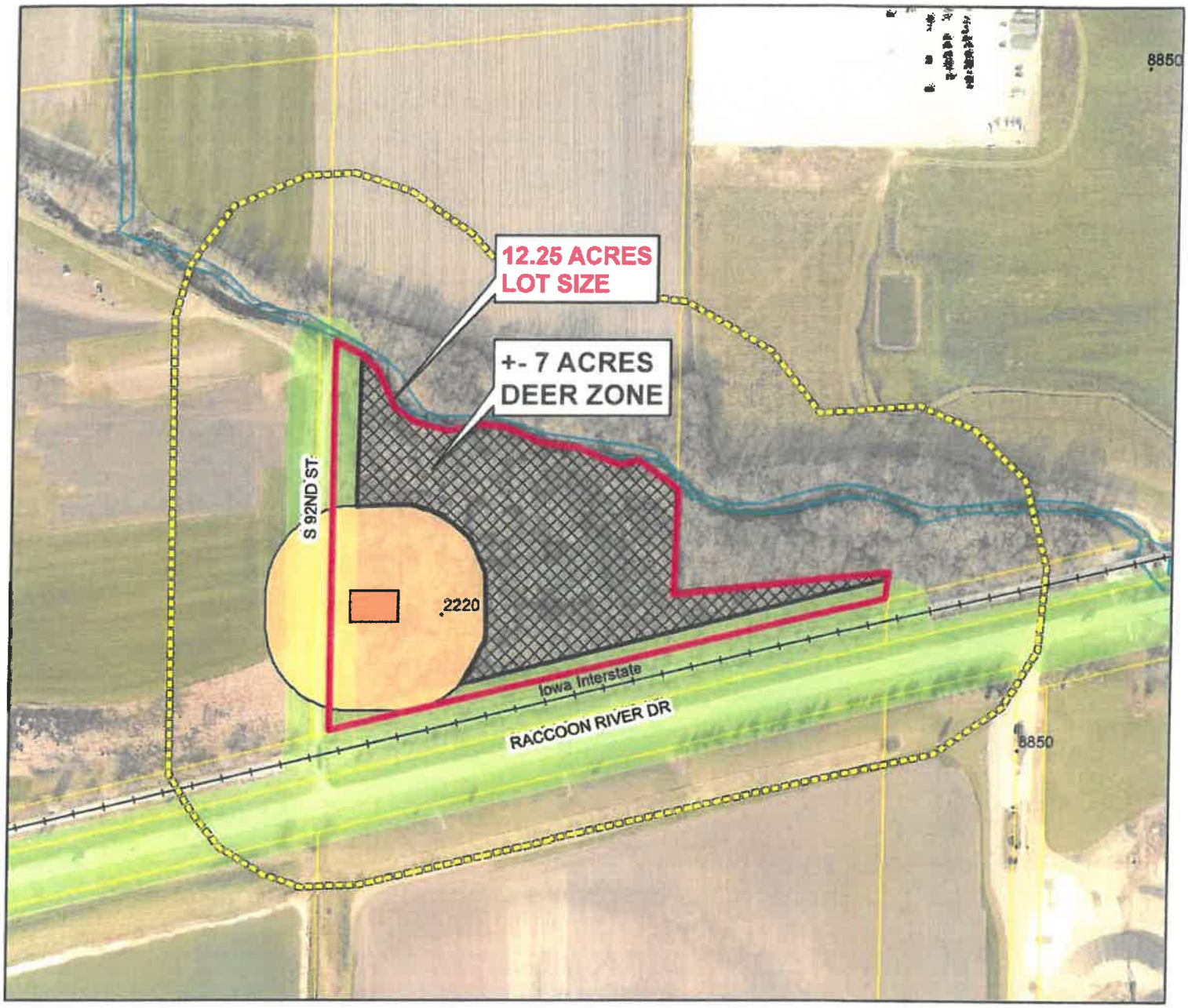
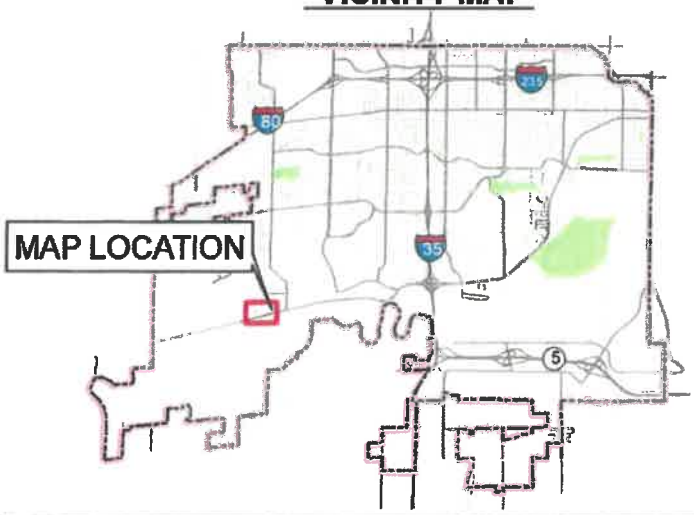
Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk



VICINITY MAP



LEGEND

- Identified Parcel
- Deer Management Zone Area
- 370' Notification Area
- Existing Building
- 200' Building Setback
- 75' Road Setback

0 75150 300 Feet

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

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PROJECT: DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE			
LOCATION: 2220 S 92ND STREET			
AUTHOR: maa	DATE: 7/6/2018	SCALE: -	SHEET: 1 of 1

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Community Center
515-222-3440
FAX 515-222-3457

Park Maintenance
515-222-3450

TDD/TTY 515-222-3334

E-mail: parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov

TO: Property Owner
FROM: David Sadler, Superintendent of Parks
DATE: July 9, 2018
RE: West Des Moines Deer Management Zone

A property owner adjacent to or near your property has approached the City about establishing a private property West Des Moines Deer Management Zone (WDMDMZ). I would like to notify you about the City's possible intention to establish this zone at **2220 S. 92nd Street** for the purposes of controlled bowhunting. The enclosed map shows the proposed zone.

Impacts from deer overpopulation in West Des Moines include car/deer accidents, ecological damage, declining deer health, and impact to private property. The goal of the City's controlled bowhunt program is to ***safely*** stabilize or decrease deer populations over time to more ecologically acceptable levels.

The City of West Des Moines has managed a controlled bowhunt program for the last thirteen years on City-owned property in Southwoods Park and for the first time in Raccoon River Park last year. Both parks remain open to the public at all times during the hunting season with ***no safety-related issues*** reported by residents, park users or hunters during this time. According to an annual aerial count, deer numbers in Southwoods Park have declined by approximately 71% since the controlled bowhunt program was started there in 2004. Residents have reported less damage to their property, and the deer herd in the park is gradually getting closer to a more ecologically acceptable level. Another positive outcome of the program has been a number of deer being donated by our hunters to the DNR's Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) program.

More recently, five private property zones have been established within the city. Seventy-seven deer have been harvested from these zones over the last nine years. In addition, controlled bowhunts have taken place on public and private property in cities throughout Polk County and on public property managed by Polk County, the State of Iowa, and Federal agencies since 1998 with ***no safety-related issues***.

Hunting taking place in the proposed zone at **2220 S. 92nd Street** would be done under rules and requirements specific to the controlled bowhunt program. All hunters will have passed an approved International Bowhunter Education Foundation safety education course, passed an annual archery proficiency test, and received an orientation with City staff on the program rules.

OVER

Controlled bowhunting in the proposed WDMDMZ would be limited to a maximum of two qualified hunters with permits issued to those hunters by the City. All hunting must occur within the established zone, and no arrows can be shot onto surrounding property. The hunters would be required to check-in by contacting the City before each day of hunting. A copy of the guidelines and rules for the 2018-2019 controlled bowhunt season is enclosed as further information.

The City's hunting ordinance requires the City Council to establish all West Des Moines Deer Management Zones by resolution. Pending feedback from this notice, it is anticipated that the resolution establishing the zone at **2220 S. 92nd Street** would go before the City Council at their August 20, 2018 meeting. If formally approved, hunting could take place from September 15, 2018 through January 27, 2019 and each year following (with approval of the property owner) during the controlled bowhunt season.

As a neighbor of the proposed zone, you are invited to share your comments or concerns. You are welcome to e-mail me at david.sadler@wdm.iowa.gov or call 515-222-3444. Any comments or concerns shared with me by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27 will be communicated to the City Council to assist them with making their decision.

How to Participate

1. **Pass a one-time approved International Bowhunter Education Foundation (I.B.E.F.) bowhunter safety education course.**

Check www.iowadnr.gov/training for upcoming local courses or take an online course at www.bowhunter-ed.com/iowa

2. **Pass an annual archery proficiency test using your hunting weapon.**

Test must be administered at a National Field Archery Association (N.F.A.A.) approved indoor lane by a certified I.B.E.F. instructor. Hunters are required to shoot 20 arrows: 10 from 15 yards and 10 from 20 yards at a full-sized 3-D target. Passing score of 80% or better in the vital target area to pass.

3. **Apply for a City of West Des Moines Permit for Controlled Bowhunt.**

Permit applications must be received prior to the application deadline to be considered for the hunter's preferred time period. If necessary, a drawing will be held to award the maximum number of permits.

4. **Purchase a special Deer Management Zone (DMZ) License.**

All hunters between the ages of 18 and 65 years of age must also have a current wildlife habitat stamp.

5. **Meet with City staff to review the rules of the hunt and the DMZ boundaries.**

At this meeting you will be required to show proof of passing the bowhunter safety education course and the proficiency test, as well as being legally entitled to hunt using a current State license.

Information & Contacts

City Contact Person

David Sadler, Superintendent of Parks
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WDM Deer Management Zones

Southwoods Park	515-222-3447
Brown's Woods - Polk County	515-249-1543
Walnut Woods - IDNR	515-285-4502
Private Property	515-222-3447

2018-2019 Season/Hours

September 15, 2018 - January 27, 2019
1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
2019 General Hunting Licenses must be purchased before January 10th to be able to hunt through January 27th

Safety Education/Proficiency Test Administrators

Archery Field & Sports, Altoona	515-265-6500

DMZ License Vendors

Archery Field & Sports	515-265-6500
Bass Pro Shops	515-957-5500
Johnston Bait & Tackle	515-254-1976
Scheels	515-727-4065
Sportsman's Warehouse	515-963-3500

Please Note: Seasons, rules & procedures may vary from one urban bowhunting area to another. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the special rules & regulations for the area in which they are hunting. Failure to do so may result in immediate revocation of hunting privileges.

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Controlled Bowhunt Guidelines

Private Property Zones 2018-2019

Deer Management Goals

The following are goals of the City of West Des Moines Deer Management Program:

1. To stabilize or decrease deer populations over time to more ecologically-acceptable levels with the City of West Des Moines;

2. To provide public education regarding deer, their habits, impact on natural resources, population management, and the impact of feeding deer;

3. To continue aerial surveys to determine the effectiveness of a management program.

The City of West Des Moines is pleased to be a part of the Polk County Deer Task Force, which has been working since 1996 to control the urban deer population. The Polk County Deer Task Force believes that the whitetailed deer is a valuable part of our natural heritage.

The Task Force supports the perpetuation of the deer population in Polk County at ecologically-acceptable levels.

Safety must always be the NUMBER ONE concern!

Controlled Bowhunt Rules

The following rules apply to all West Des Moines Deer Management Zones (excluding Brown's Woods & Walnut Woods):

- **Hunters** must check in with the City prior to entering a zone to hunt. A phone number will be provided to permit holders.
- **All** bows must be cased while traveling to and from the hunting stand. No uncased bow may be carried within 200 feet from any residence or building or within 75 feet from any trail or road.
- **All** shots must be taken from elevated stands. All stands must be portable with no permanent stands erected or screw-in steps used. Strap-on steps, a ladder, or a climbing stand are allowed. There will be no driving or stalking of deer.
- **All** stands must be located at least 200 feet from any residence or building and at least 75 feet from any trail or road. Shots may NOT be taken back into this distance separation. All shots must be taken downward and no further than 75 feet (25 yards) from the stand.
- **Hunters** must identify their target as an antlerless deer, focusing on adult does. Antlerless deer harvested in the 2016-2017 season may be counted towards a buck incentive program next year only if proper check-in procedures are followed.
- **Attempt** to retrieve all arrows. Use proper field dressing techniques. Don't leave entrails in a noticeable location. All deer harvested must be processed for meat for personal use or charity.
- **Harvested** deer must be reported to the City Contact Person within 24 hours. Contact WDM Animal Control (222-3364) as soon as possible if unable to locate a wounded deer.
- **A maximum** of three (3) deer per day may be harvested by each hunter under one City permit. A State license is required for each deer.
- **Private** property must be respected in all cases. Hunters must remove themselves from any harassment situation and immediately report the incident to the WDM Police Department.
- **If** necessary to cross private property to access a Deer Management Zone, permission must be received by the hunter from a property owner who has agreed to allow access.
- **The** City permit, valid State of Iowa deer license, and wildlife habitat stamp must be carried at all times while bowhunting. All Iowa DNR rules covering bowhunting of deer must be followed by the hunter. **All hunters must be 18 years or older.**

PLEASE NOTE: There is no maximum number of deer that can be harvested by a hunter, however the City does reserve the right to limit the number of deer harvested under each permit if necessary.

The City reserves the right to refuse to issue a permit due to any criminal convictions or permit denials, suspensions, or revocations by another government entity. Failure to abide by the requirements of Ordinance 5-2-30 or any additional regulations of the City may result in suspension or revocation of the issued permit.

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