



June 15, 2020

Geoff Fruin, City Manager
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Dear Mr. Fruin,

Thank you for your letter dated May 4, 2020. We appreciate your update regarding the successes that occurred during your 2019-2020 deer management efforts and the City's goal to include future bow hunts to continue that management.

We, also, appreciate your reaching out to the DNR to determine if the Urban Deer Management Zone (DMZ) program would benefit your efforts and that the plan you submitted was approved by the DNR and included in the 2020-2021 DMZ list to allow for bow hunting this fall. The 2020-2021 DMZ list was reviewed and approved by the Natural Resource Commission at their June 11, 2020, business meeting.

The Commission commends your efforts in working to create a long term and sustainable deer management plan and supports your continued coordination with the DNR to identify and implement annual strategies to help with deer management.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margo Underwood, Chair
Natural Resource Commission
Margo.Underwood@dnr.iowa.gov

Attached: Letter from Geoff Fruin, City Manager, City of Iowa City, dated 05/04/20

cc: Susan (Sue) Dulek, Asst City Atty, 410 East Washington Street, Iowa City, IA (Sue-Dulek@iowa-city.org)
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May 4, 2020

Natural Resource Commission
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502 E. 9th St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

In re: June 2020 Business Meeting
Urban Deer Management Zone—Request to Bow Hunt

Dear Commissioners:

I want to begin by thanking you again for authorizing the sharpshoot this past winter. White Buffalo, Inc. culled 500 deer with all the meat being processed by a local locker and distributed free at food banks. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the "Final Report 2019-20 Deer Management Program" prepared by White Buffalo, Inc. I plan on providing the Commission an annual deer management report later this year.

This letter is to request approval of an urban deer management zone in Iowa City under the following parameters:

- When: 10/1/20 to 1/10/21 (to coincide with the bow hunt season)
- Where: Private property throughout Iowa City
- Tags: 75 antlerless tags-archery only
- Preferred Vendor: Fin & Feather, Iowa City
- Incentive Program: Iowa City requests a hunter who kills 3 antlerless deer will be eligible for 1 buck tag for the following bow hunting season.
- Additional Request: Until further notice, this letter will serve as a request from Iowa City to renew its urban deer management zone for the following three seasons along these same parameters (Iowa City's long-term deer management plan provides for 4 years of bow hunting).

As the White Buffalo, Inc. report states, the deer population likely is under our goal of 25 deer per square mile. As a result, City staff believes 75 tags will be sufficient to manage the deer population. With that said, we plan to partner with the DNR to conduct an aerial deer count next winter, which will provide needed data to assist us in our ongoing challenge of managing Iowa City's deer population.

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In closing, I want to express my appreciation to Dr. Garner for his invaluable assistance to my staff this past year. I also want to thank Andy Kellner for his assistance in the development of our bow hunt. I know City staff looks forward to continuing to work with Dr. Garner and Mr. Kellner.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Geoff Fruin
City Manager

Copy to:
Captain Bill Campbell, Interim Chief of Police
Zach Diersen, Lt. Iowa City Police Dept.
Susan Dulek, Ass't. City Attorney