

ORDINANCE NO. 20-4828

Ordinance amending Title 8, entitled "Police Regulations," Chapter 7, entitled "Weapons," to allow persons to discharge an arrow as part of an approved deer management plan.

Whereas, Section 8-7-4 of the City Code prohibits the discharge of an arrow within City limits except if directed at an inanimate object;

Whereas, the deer management plan approved in Resolution No. 19-216 provides for a bow hunt during the fall/winters of 2020 to 2024;

Whereas, the prohibition of discharging arrows should be amended for the purpose of killing deer pursuant to a deer management plan; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City to adopt this ordinance.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Iowa City, Iowa:

Section I. Amendments.

1. Title 8, entitled "Police Regulations," Chapter 7, entitled "Weapons," Section 4, entitled "Bows, Arrows and Crossbow," is amended by adding the underlined text as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged any bow or crossbow which propels an arrow or other dangerous missile capable of inflicting serious bodily injury or death at any time or under any circumstances within the city limits. However, this section shall not apply to any person discharging an arrow from a bow or crossbow at an inanimate target on public or private property provided the person has the permission of the property owner and the person exercises due care and caution to avoid striking people or animals or to any person approved to discharge an arrow from a bow for the purpose of killing deer pursuant to the City's deer management plan.

Section II. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section III. Severability. If any section, provision or part of the Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020.

s/Bruce Teague, Mayor

Attests:/Kellie K. Fruehling, City Clerk

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