

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: URBAN DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE CHANGE

BACKGROUND:

The City has an urban deer management program that requires an annual report to the City Council. On July 28, 2020, the Police Department presented the most recent annual Urban Deer Management Program – Bow Hunting report.

At that time, the City Council directed staff to modify the Special Urban Deer Task Force's reporting requirement from yearly reporting to a report every five years. The attached ordinance has been prepared to implement the change.

Historically, the information presented in the report does not substantially change from year to year. A less frequent interval for reporting will reduce the administrative burden for the program. In the event an issue arises in the interim that requires the Council's attention, City staff will prepare a report for the Council's consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve first reading of the Ordinance amending the Urban Deer Management Program reporting requirement from an annual reporting requirement to a report once every five years.
2. Direct staff to make modifications to the draft ordinance.
3. Do not approve the proposed ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Council has directed staff to prepare the attached ordinance. A less frequent reporting interval for the Special Urban Deer Task Force will reduce the administrative burden, while allowing for staff to raise issues with the City Council between reports, if necessary.

It is therefore the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, as described above.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 3.603(2) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE REPORTING PERIOD; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by amending Section 3.603(2) as follows:

“(2) The Task Force shall provide a report annually to the city council every five years concerning the status of the urban deer population and to make recommendations for changes in the policies and procedures regarding urban bow hunting.”

Section Two. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal infraction punishable as set out in Ames Municipal Code Chapter 3.

Section Three. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Four. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor