

# URBAN DEER CONTROL PLAN

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COR # 2UDCP9713

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Term of COR: 12/01/2015 – 12/31/2018

Last Plan Update: July 19, 2016

## **Summary of Justification for Action:**

The presence of deer within Centerville City has increased significantly over the last decade. While the deer are a beautiful presence of nature, they have also become a danger to human safety, as well as their own, when entering roads, public property and private property. Likewise, the feeding habits of the deer population have become a destructive nuisance on private and public property, creating a problem for landscaping, gardening, and recreational space within our community.

Throughout the year 2015 the City received and collected public comment via email, in person comments, as well as written complaints regarding resident deer populations. A public hearing was held at the September 15, 2015, City Council meeting as well as an open house that was held on September 8, 2015, to obtain additional public comment. Based on this research and public outreach, a total of 64 different residents commented in writing about the City's urban deer problems. These comments are on file for review upon request at the City Recorder's office. Addresses of the residents with urban deer problems were located and marked on a City map that is also available for public review.

Over 90 percent of the citizen input was highly in favor of implementing an urban deer control plan.

Estimated urban deer population size before action: 100

Population objective after action: 0 to 25

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## Management Actions

### **Persons Eligible to Take or Relocate Deer:**

Persons eligible to participate in the urban deer control plan must meet all qualifications required by the City in order to obtain tags that allow for the lethal removal or relocation of urban deer. Centerville City residents who volunteer will be given preference over non-resident volunteers. Centerville City Police Department will oversee the euthanizing or relocation of urban deer and determine which individuals qualify to participate. DWR will conduct the actual relocation of deer under this plan.

Volunteers will be selected from organizations such as the Mule Deer Foundation and Dedicated Hunter Program if available. Volunteers will need to successfully complete a Hunters Safety course, pass a criminal background check, and be approved by the City Police Department before participating in this plan.

### **Locations and Time Periods of Deer Removal Activities:**

Locations for trapping or taking deer for removal or relocation under this plan must be approved by the City Police Department, DWR and Property Owners. Property Owners must submit to the City a "Property enrollment for deer removal release and hold harmless agreement" prior to any plan action of deer control. Deer removal may only take place at a time that has been approved by the City Police Department, the Property Owner and the DWR. Time periods that optimize the removal or relocation of urban deer and minimize the removal or relocation of mountain deer will be selected. As approved in December 2015, the lethal removal of antlered deer may only be conducted from August 1 through October 31 of each year, and the lethal removal of antlerless deer may only be conducted from August 1 through December 31 of each year, in order to give some relief for the coming growing season. These time frames may be revised by the DWR upon written notice to the City or as stated in the City's COR.

As a condition of City Council approval, the City Council suggested the plan be revisited in 2016 to consider adding archery and/or relocation options to the plan if and when these options are authorized by the DWR. This plan was revisited by the City Council in February 2016, wherein the Council approved a relocation of deer option to the plan. Deer relocation activities shall comply with the applicable provisions of this plan. As authorized by the DWR, the relocation of deer may take place year round. This plan was revisited by the City Council in July 2016, wherein the Council approved an archery option to the plan. Deer removal under the archery option shall comply with applicable provisions of this plan.

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## **Legal Methods of Take:**

All deer removal or relocation activities shall comply with the the City's Urban Deer Removal Plan and applicable provisions of the Urban Deer Control regulations as adopted by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and set forth in Utah Administrative Code R657-65, as amended.

Pursuant to this plan and applicable State statutes and regulations, the City will:

- (a) Require individuals authorized to lethally remove deer to:
  - (i) Tag the carcass consistent with Utah Code § 23-20-30; and
  - (ii) Comply with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the possession, use, and discharge of a dangerous weapon; and
- (b) Take measures to ensure that:
  - (i) An annual report is submitted to the Division by March 1 on lethal removal activities, including the following information for each permit issued:
    - (A) Name of shooter/permit holder;
    - (B) Sex of the animal;
    - (C) Date of harvest; and
    - (D) Disposition of carcass

Pursuant to this plan and applicable State statutes and regulations, the City will not:

- (a) Allow an employee, officer, agent, licensee, or contractor who has not been approved according to the written Urban Deer Control Plan to take or relocate a deer.
- (b) Sell or barter a deer carcass or otherwise use it for pecuniary gain without prior written approval from the Division;
- (c) Collect a fee or compensation from a person or entity it authorizes to remove or relocate deer from its incorporated boundaries, unless the fee or compensation is:
  - (i) \$50 or less;
  - (ii) Used exclusively to recoup the actual costs incurred by the City in:
    - (A) Selecting and qualifying the person; or
    - (B) Approved by the Division in writing
- (d) Undertake or authorize deer removal or relocation activities outside:
  - (i) Incorporated City boundaries or any unincorporated areas approved by the Division and the county; or
  - (ii) The season time frame prescribed in the COR;
- (e) Remove or relocate more deer, collectively or by gender, than authorized in the COR; or
- (f) Authorize the discharge of firearms or archery equipment for deer removal:
  - (i) Between one half hour after official sunset and one half hour before official sunrise; or
  - (ii) In violation of federal, state, or local laws.

## **Methods for Lethal Removal of Urban Deer:**

Baiting, trapping and euthanizing with a firearm or by archery will be the lethal methods of take for this plan. Use of a bolt gun, .22 firearms, frangible round shotgun, or bow and arrow are the approved weapons used for euthanizing deer in locations or situations that are determined to be safe by the City Police Department.

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### **Carcass Removal and Disposal:**

Deer carcasses are salvaged consistent with Utah Code § 23-20-8 (Waste of Wildlife) and disposed of as provided by law. Deer remains can be taken to the Davis County Landfill.

- (a) Viscera is removed from the kill site and disposed of as provided by law;
- (b) Antlers of lethally removed deer are promptly surrendered to the Division and not retained by the City or the person that takes the animal

### **Relocation of Deer:**

As permitted by the DWR, deer may be trapped and relocated. Deer to be relocated shall be trapped, marked with a tracking collar, blood samples taken, and treated to prevent spread of disease and pests, at a cost of \$200.00/deer. \$50.00 is to be paid by the resident requesting the relocation or other donor and \$150.00 will be paid by Centerville City, to cover actual costs of DWR until the DWR is no longer transporting and releasing the deer at their expense. Centerville City Council has approved matching the residents' payments up to \$5,000.

### **Date of Public Meeting Considering this Plan:**

The City Council held a public hearing on November 17, 2015, in the regular City Council meeting and thereafter approved this Urban Deer Control Plan by unanimous 5-0 vote.

The City Council held a public meeting on February 2, 2016, to discuss proposed amendments to the Urban Deer Control Plan and thereafter approved amendments to this Urban Deer Control Plan to allow for the relocation of deer in addition to lethal removal methods.

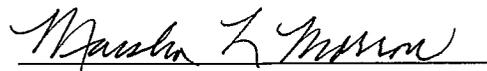
The City Council held a public hearing on July 19, 2016, in the regular City Council meeting to discuss proposed amendments to the Urban Deer Control Plan and thereafter approved amendments to this Urban Deer Control Plan to allow for the lethal removal of deer by archery.

Approval Signatures:



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City Mayor



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City Recorder