

# Bismarck

## *Police Department*

**DATE:** May 13, 2019

**FROM:** Dave Draovitch, Chief of Police 

**ITEM:** Annual Deer and Turkey Archery Hunting Program on City Properties  
**REQUEST**

Permission to Conduct the Annual Deer and Turkey Archery Hunting Program on City Properties

Please place this item on the 5/28/2019 City Commission meeting agenda.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Police Department requests authorization to conduct the Annual Deer and Turkey Archery Hunting Program on select City properties. This hunting season will begin August 30<sup>th</sup> and will coincide with the archery season set forth by the ND Game & Fish Department (NDG&F). The deer hunting program is an annual program which has been in existence since 1987. The turkey hunting program was initially approved by the Board in 2008 and has been successfully conducted each year, with the exception of 2011 when it was cancelled due to the flood. Both programs have aided in controlling the problems associated with wild deer and turkeys entering areas of Bismarck, especially the residential areas in the southwest portion of the City.

All hunters must possess a valid North Dakota archery license to participate in the programs. The Animal Control section of the Police Department issues trespass permits to hunters who wish to participate in the Archery Hunting Program. There will be 25 permits issued for the season on a first-come-first-served basis. Animal Control staff provides instructions and maps of specific authorized City property and monitors those selected to participate in the program.

### **RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION**

Authorization to conduct the Archery Hunting Program on City properties.

### **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION**

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May 10, 2019

Bismarck Parks & Recreation Department  
Attn: Randy Bina  
400 E. Front Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58504

Dear Mr. Bina,

In years past Bismarck Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with the Bismarck Police Department in an Archery/Bow Hunting Program. We are again asking that the Parks & Recreation Department participate with us in this program. We would like to have the Riverwood Golf Course open at the end of the golf season and before the start of the cross country ski season. We would issue a license for only twenty-five hunters.

The season is as follows:

Buck & Doe: 08/30/2019 thru 01/05/2020 tentatively.

Doe Only: 01/06/2019 thru 01/31/2020 tentatively.

Turkey: 10/12/2018 thru 01/05/2020 tentatively.

The program will be the same as in the past. To provide for control and knowledge of who is participating there will be trespass permits issued on a first come, first serve basis. BPD Animal Control Warden, Missy Hilsendeger, is the program coordinator and will be the contact person for any coordination efforts you or your staff may need. Enforcement efforts will be provided by the Bismarck Police Department and the N.D. Game & Fish Department.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 355-1869.

Sincerely,

Deputy Chief Randy Ziegler  
Field Services Commander  
Bismarck Police Department

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cc: Chief David Draovitch, Lt. Jeff Solemsaas

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