



## *Police Department*

**DATE:** February 25, 2021  
**FROM:** Dave Draovitch, Chief of Police *DD*  
**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 3/9/2021 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 September 3<sup>rd</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.

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