

HUNTING RULES

CITY OF KEOKUK URBAN DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to SAFELY reduce the deer population within Keokuk.

- 1) Each hunter must possess a State of Iowa hunting license and a City of Keokuk Deer Hunting Permit. In order for the permit to be issued, the hunter must agree to abide by the following rules and regulations. Non-compliance with these rules is a violation of the Keokuk Municipal Code.
- 2) Hunters must pass an authorized archery proficiency test each year with the weapon they will use to hunt with in Keokuk. The tests will not allow for any warm up shots and will only allow for a maximum of two (2) attempts each year to successfully complete the test. The test will consist of 5 total shots at twenty 20 yards (15 yards for traditional hunters). The hunter must score at least an 80% within an eight inch (8") circle.
- 3) Tests must be administered by a representative of the City of Keokuk Deer Management Program.
- 4) After completion of the proficiency test and safety course, hunters must obtain a special use permit from Keokuk City Hall, 601 Main Street, Suite 3, Keokuk, Iowa. Hunters must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid Iowa hunter safety card.
- 5) Hunters must comply with the City of Keokuk Hunting Ordinance as well as Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules and regulations for the State of Iowa. Keokuk permits are only good within the city limits of Keokuk.
- 6) Hunters must obtain a state license for each deer. A hunter shall not harvest more than three (3) deer in a single day. A hunter must carry their Iowa hunting license and special use permit.
- 7) Hunters on private property must abide by the rules of the property owner in addition to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the rules of the City of Keokuk. A hunter must submit a signed letter from the property owner who has given permission to hunt on private property.
- 8) Safety is our foremost concern. Hunters must insure that all shots are made carefully and safely.
- 9) All shots must be made from an elevated position toward a deer that is not more than 25 yards from the hunter's location. Shots must be oriented away from maintained roads, trails and structures.

- 10) Only portable stands may be used on city property and property not owned by the hunter unless permission is granted by the owner. Ground blinds are not allowed. Tree stands can be erected no sooner than one (1) week prior to local season and removed no longer than one (1) week after, on city owned property. No "screw in" foot holds on city property/trees. All city-owned property is considered closed to hunting unless a notice is published via the local media indicating otherwise.
- 11) The hunter agrees to maintain a minimum distance of 150 feet from any property line or occupied buildings unless permission is granted from property owner(s); 150 feet from any property owned by the Keokuk School District; 85 feet from any unoccupied buildings; and 85 feet from any street or trail.
- 12) No baiting, driving, or stalking of deer is allowed.
- 13) Field dressing inside the city limits is not allowed (unless on owned property or with permission of the property owner).
- 14) Hunters must cover harvested deer or have them enclosed so they are not visible when transporting.
- 15) All deer taken shall be processed for meat or the meat given to charity.
- 16) Hunters must remove themselves immediately from any harassment situation and contact the Keokuk Police Department at 319-524-3131.
- 17) Any violation may result in the revocation of the permit or criminal charges, as appropriate.
- 18) Hunters must bring harvested deer within 12 hours to the Keokuk Fire Department. Data is important to the overall success of this hunt. All deer harvested in the city must also be reported to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources through their harvest reporting system.
- 19) Hunters in the 2020 season that take in three (3) doe by January 10, 2021 will be placed on a list in order they complete the taking of three (3) doe deer. These deer must be taken to the Keokuk Fire Dept. for review and recorded. From this list, the City of Keokuk will place a request with the DNR for the special buck tags. One incentive buck tag per hunter will be permitted. The number of buck tags issued will be at the discretion of the Iowa DNR and will be issued for the following year.