

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-038

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF RAPID CITY 2022 ARCHERY
ANTLERLESS DEER ACCESS PERMIT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the deer population throughout the City of Rapid results in a number of conflicts between deer and people, including collisions between automobiles and deer that can result in extensive property damage, bodily injury, and in some cases even death; and

WHEREAS, the deer population can also cause property damage to home gardens, landscaping, and natural environments that are habitats for other species; and

WHEREAS, whitetail deer are a primary host to Black Legged (deer) ticks, the carrier of several human diseases, including Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease, an always fatal neurological disease of cervids, has been found in the city limits of Rapid City and reducing deer densities has been indicated as one method that may limit the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes that deer in urban areas, for the most part, lack predators to control deer populations and, in turn, deer in large numbers can cause significant habitat damage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City wishes to manage the deer population within the city limits of Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City adopted a revised deer management plan in 2012 entitled the Rapid City Deer Management Program in an effort to foster healthy deer populations; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women across the nation contribute the majority of the monies used to manage and conserve wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has an ordinance that generally prohibits archery deer hunting within City limits except for hunting by those individuals who obtain Access Permits pursuant to the City of Rapid City Archery Antlerless Deer Access Permit Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council that the City establishes the following City of Rapid City Archery Antlerless Deer Access Permit Program in order to help manage the deer population within the city limits of Rapid City.

City of Rapid City Archery Antlerless Deer Program

Permit Administration

A limited public archery hunt has been set up to manage the deer population within the city limits of Rapid City. This antlerless deer hunting opportunity, called the Rapid City Archery Antlerless Deer Program, will be administered by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) and the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD).

SDGFP will accept online applications from hunters for special municipal licenses. SDGFP will administer a draw for the municipal licenses through its online license system. Applications will be accepted June 1st through July 1st. Successful applicants will be notified by July 15th. Any remaining licenses will be available on a first come, first served basis. Normal fees for antlerless licenses will apply.

Archery Hunting Licenses

Those individuals successful in drawing a municipal license must attend an orientation briefing and pass a proficiency test before the license will be provided to the individual. Hunters successful in drawing a municipal license will have several options for utilizing additional licenses that are valid within the Rapid City hunting areas. Hunters are able to use any combination of the following archery licenses: Statewide Any Deer, West River Any Deer, Antlerless White-tailed deer and/or the municipal license that is valid within the described hunting units within Rapid City. Regardless of the license(s) used, only antlerless deer are allowed to be harvested. Only hunters who are successful in drawing a municipal license are authorized to hunt within city limits per city ordinance.

Rules and Regulations

All big game regulations, as well as the following rules, would apply to anyone hunting within the city limits of Rapid City pursuant to the municipal license. Only hunters successful in drawing a municipal license are allowed to hunt within Rapid City:

- A hunter must be a resident of South Dakota.
- A hunter must be 18 years of age to hunt alone. A hunter under the age of 18 must be accompanied (within arm's reach) by a qualified adult supervisor.
- A hunter must possess a hunter safety education certificate.
- An individual successful in the municipal license draw will be required to pass a proficiency test prior to being allowed to participate in the hunt. The proficiency test will require a hunter to place 3 of 4 arrows in an 8" diameter circle at 30 yards with a broadhead tipped arrow and the archery equipment to be used while hunting within Rapid City.

- A hunter must attend a mandatory briefing and training held at the SDGFP Outdoor Campus - West located at 4130 Adventure Trail in Rapid City. Dates and times of the orientation will be sent to successful applicants.
- A hunter must obtain and display a Parking Permit distributed by SDGFP in his or her vehicle while the hunter is hunting in their assigned area.
- A hunter may only harvest antlerless deer.

Either SDGFP or RCPD may remove a hunter from the program for: failure to comply with the rules above and all big game regulations; the violation by a permittee of any provision of the Rapid City Municipal Code, state law, or federal law; or other good cause. A written order of revocation shall be hand-delivered, sent by first class mail to the permittee's last known address, or sent by email to permittee's last known email address. A written order of revocation is effective on the date that it is signed by either SDGFP or RCPD. A person who is removed from the program may appeal the revocation decision to the Common Council by submitting a written letter of appeal to the Rapid City Finance Officer or his or her designee within 14 calendar days of the effective date of the order of revocation. If, upon consideration, a majority of the Council votes to overturn the order of revocation, then the license shall be reinstated.

Hunting Locations and Periods

Hunters will be required to stay within the boundaries of their hunting area at all times. Notably, the hunting area may be different from the property boundaries. Hunters needing to retrieve downed game from outside of the Hunting Area will need to receive permission from the appropriate landowner or will be subject to trespass charges.

Temporary hunting blinds or trees stands will be allowed, but blinds may not be placed prior to a particular hunter's access period and must be removed by the last day of their 28-day access window. Temporary tree stands may be used but the use of nails, screws, bolts or anything that will cause lasting damage to the tree is prohibited.

The first 7 hunting periods will last for 28 days starting on a Thursday and ending on a Wednesday with the eighth, and final, hunting period lasting a total of 25 days. In order to maximize hunter participation and opportunity, hunt periods will overlap with adjacent hunt periods as shown below. There will be no more than 2 hunters permitted to be hunting on a particular area at any given time. Hunting periods for 2022 will be as follows:

Sept 1-Sept 28

Sept 15-Oct 12

Sept 29-Oct 26

Oct 13-Nov 9

Oct 27-Nov 23

Nov 10-Dec 7

Nov 24-Dec 21

Dec 8-Jan 1

There will be 5 properties participating in the 2022 Rapid City Archery Antlerless Deer Program. All properties will have a maximum of one hunt area with the exception of the Bailey Property where there will be two hunt areas. There would be a maximum of 48 hunters licensed for this program during the fall and winter of 2022.

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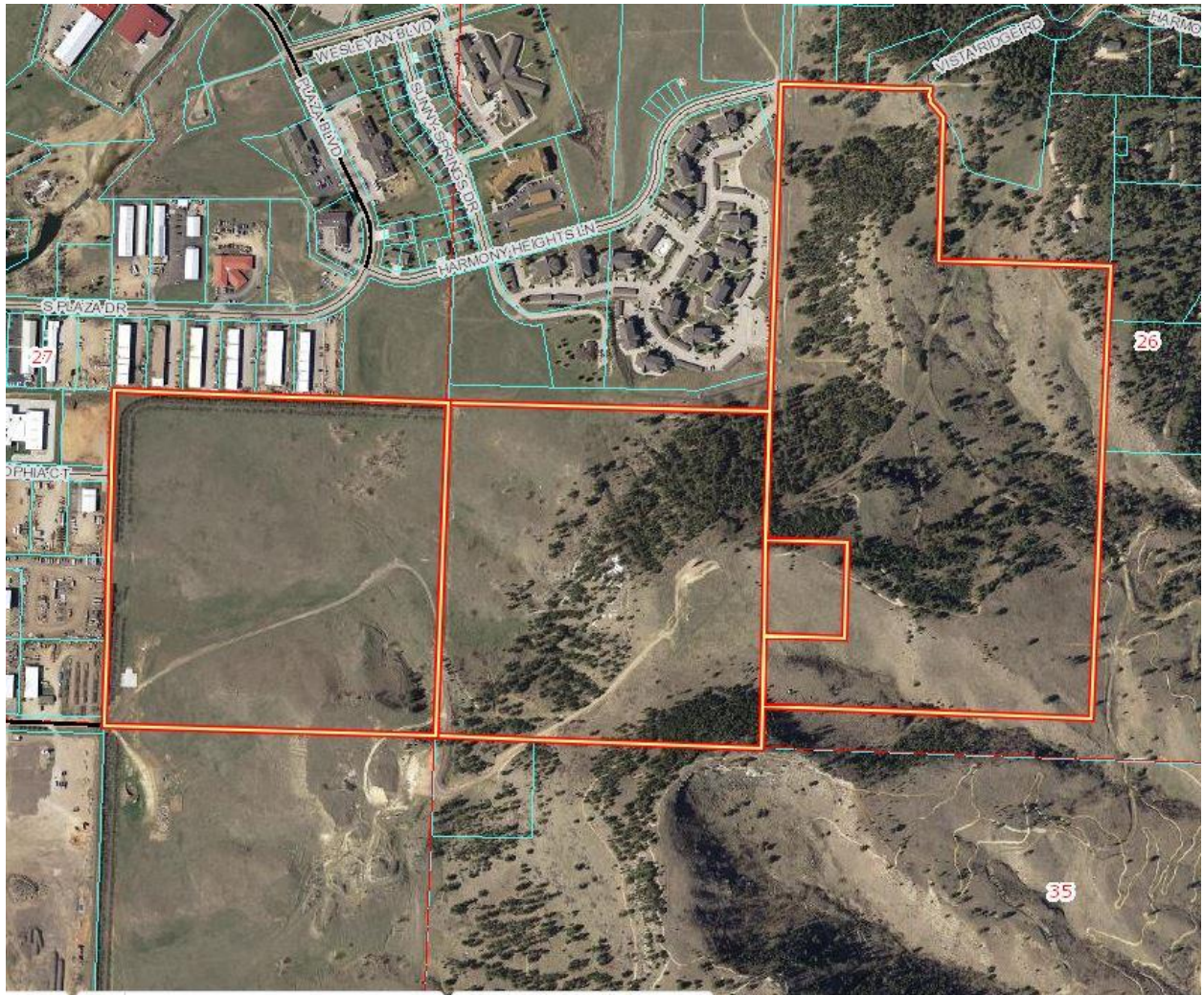
Outdoor Campus - West Archery Complex



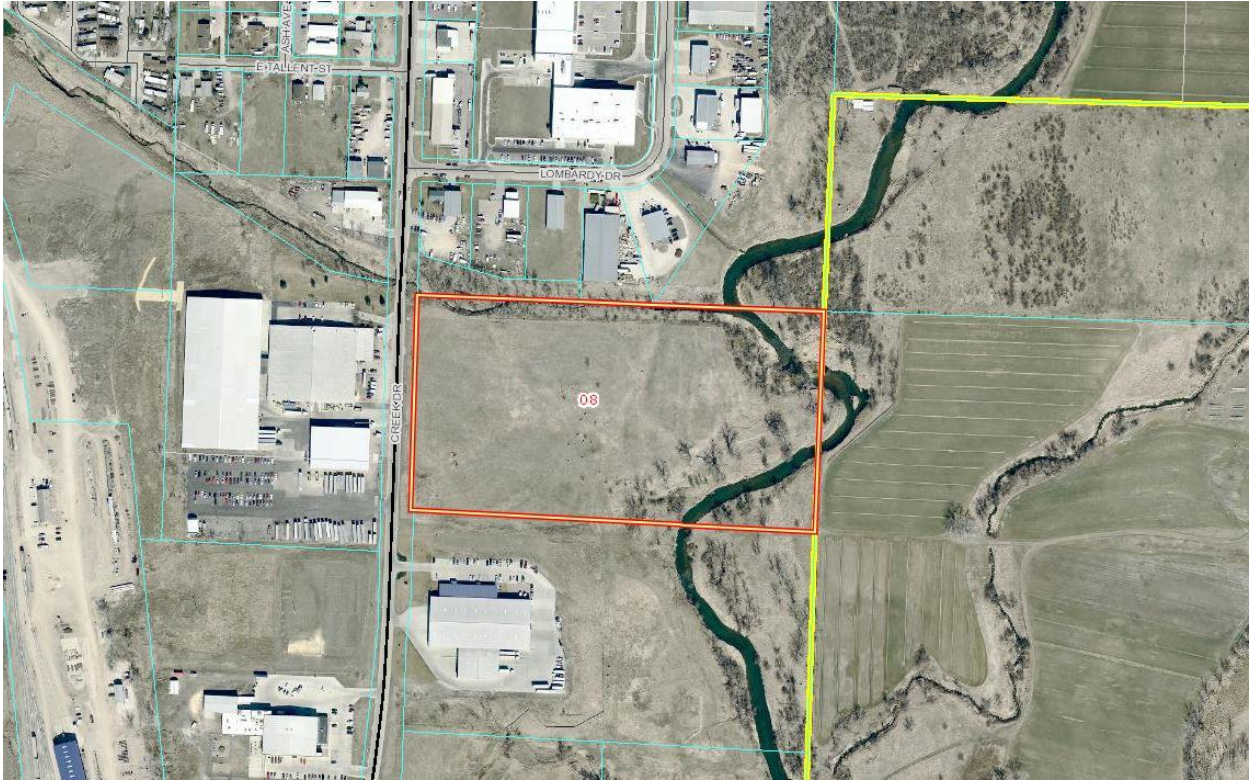
Park Drive Property



Bailey Property



Creek Drive



Dated this ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Steve Allender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pauline Sumption, Finance Director

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