

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-062

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF RAPID CITY 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 Access Permit 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 Access Permit Program, will be administered by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) and the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD).

SDGFP will accept online Access Permit applications from hunters. SDGFP will administer a draw for Access Permits through its online license system. Applications will be accepted September 1st through September 15th. Successful applicants will be notified by September 25th. Any remaining permits will be available on a first come, first served basis. There is no cost to apply for an Access Permit, however, there is a cost to obtain an archery hunting license from SDGFP, as explained further below.

Archery Hunting Licenses

Those individuals successful in drawing an Access Permit must obtain an archery hunting license from SDGFP before the Access Permit will be provided to the individual. There is a cost to obtain an archery hunting license from SDGFP; however, there is no cost to obtain an Access Permit.

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 an Access Permit:

- 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 Access Permit draw will be required to pass a proficiency test prior to being allowed to acquire an Access Permit. The proficiency test will require a hunter to place 3 of 3 arrows in an 8" diameter circle at 30 yards with a broadhead tipped arrow and the archery equipment to be used while hunting with the Access Permit.
- A hunter must attend a mandatory briefing and training held at the SDGFP Outdoor Campus - West located at 4130 Adventure Trail in Rapid City.
- A hunter must mark his or her arrows with his or her SD archery license number that is printed on his or her archery tag or their printed first and last name. The license number typically starts with the 2 digit year followed by 8 digits (ex. 19-0000000).
- A hunter must carry his or her Access Permit while hunting.

- A hunter must obtain and display a Parking Permit distributed by SDGFP in his or her vehicle while the hunter is hunting pursuant to the terms of the Access Permit.
- A hunter may only hunt antlerless deer. A hunter may only kill one antlerless deer.

Either SDGFP or RCPD may revoke a hunter's Access Permit 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 whose Access Permit has been revoked 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 Access Zone at all times. Within each Access Zone, a specific Hunting Zone will be identified. Harvesting of deer can only occur within the Hunting Zone. If successful, hunters will be allowed to retrieve their game outside of the Hunting Zone but at no time can they leave the Access Zone. Maps will be distributed to hunters and both Access Zones and Hunting Zones will be marked and identifiable while afield via flagging or painted fence posts.

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 14-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.

Hunting periods will be for 14 days starting on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday. Hunting periods for 2019 will be as follows:

Sept 29-Oct 12

Oct 13-Oct 26

Oct 27-Nov 9

Nov 10-Nov 23

Nov 24-Dec 7

Dec 8-Dec 21

Dec 22- Jan 1

Using the three areas outlined below, there would be a maximum of 21 hunters licensed for this program during the fall and winter of 2019.

Tentative Access Zones are pictured below. Hunting Zones (depicted in blue) are subject to change following on-site tours pending approval of the antlerless hunt.

Blessed Sacrament Church 4500 Jackson Blvd



Outdoor Campus - West Archery Complex at 4130 Adventure Trail



Red Rocks Golf Course

