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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 216-13

AN ORDINANCE

amending Ordinance No. 18197 that established an archery deer hunting program; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2, subsection 1. of Ordinance No. 18197 is amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

SECTION 2. Archery hunting of deer shall be allowed on city-owned property under the following restrictions:

1. Hunting shall be allowed only in the areas of the following property designated by the City Manager or ~~his~~ the Manager's designee:
 - (a) Sanitary Landfill;
 - ~~(b) Grindstone Nature Area;~~
 - ~~(c) Twin Lakes;~~
 - ~~(d)~~ b Sewer Utility Property on Strawn Road;
 - ~~(e)~~ c Smith Park on the southwest corner of Waco Road and Brown Station Road;
 - ~~(f)~~ d Sewer Utility Property on Coats Lane;
 - ~~(g)~~ e Sewer Utility Property on Bainbridge Drive;
 - ~~(h)~~ f MKT Nature Area – Scott Boulevard Access and MKT-Jay Dix Station Access;

- (i-g) Gans Creek Recreation Area – Gans Creek Road Access; and
- (j-h) Oakland Church Road property.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

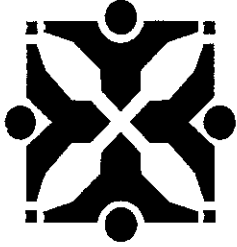
ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



Source: Parks and Recreation

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Agenda Item No:

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Aug 5, 2013

Re: Removal of Grindstone Nature Area and Twin Lakes from Archery Deer Hunting Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the July 15, 2013 Council meeting, Councilperson Hoppe asked staff to consider the removal of the Grindstone Nature Area from the City's archery deer management program. Staff asked the P&R Commission for their recommendation and at their July 18, 2013 meeting, the Commission voted 6-1 to recommend the removal of the Grindstone Nature Area from the City's list of approved hunting sites. Staff is also requesting that Twin Lakes officially be removed from the ordinance. Twin Lakes has not been in the program for the past two seasons as the County House Trail was constructed in the area where hunting was allowed. If the Council wishes to proceed with this action, approval of the attached ordinance will remove the Grindstone Nature Area and Twin Lakes from the City's archery deer management program.

DISCUSSION:

The City Ordinance that established an archery deer management program was passed by Council in August, 2004 in response to numerous resident communications related to safety and property damage caused by deer including deer-vehicle collisions. The deer archery season begins September 15 and concludes January 15 of each year. The program established guidelines to be followed by anyone wishing to bow hunt for deer on permitted City property, including the requirement for hunters to attend an orientation and registration session prior to the start of the bow hunting season. During this session, hunters are made aware of the rules and regulations and any site specific policies. Those that successfully attend the session are given a permit card that is to be carried with them while they hunt and a larger placard to display in the vehicle while it is parked. Hunters must also follow all Missouri Department of Conservation regulations and the following City of Columbia Regulations:

1. No hunting or field dressing shall be allowed within 100-ft of private property or a City Trail.
2. No four-wheelers or other motorized vehicles shall be used in connection with hunting on City property.
3. Tree stands shall be allowed subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. Only portable tree stands may be used.
 - b. Stands may be in place for the period beginning 15 days before archery deer season and ending 15 days after archery deer season.
 - c. Stands must be identified with the full name & address of owner.
 - d. Nails, screw-in steps and any other material that would damage a tree shall not be used.
 - e. Minimal tree trimming in connection with tree stands shall be allowed only as expressly permitted by the department head in charge of the property or the department head's designee.

Currently, archery hunting for deer is allowed at the following City properties:

1. Grindstone Nature Area
2. MKT Scott Blvd & Jay Dix Station area
3. Norma Sutherland-Smith Park
4. Gans Creek Recreation Area, south of the creek
5. Strawn Road Property
6. SC Fields Sewer Utility
7. Oakland Church Road Property
8. Sanitary Landfill (Hinkson Creek Rd & Wyatt Lane)

There are two other locations within the City limits where hunters may use archery methods to harvest deer. Both sites are under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Department of Conservation with the first located at the Hinkson Woods Conservation Area, located near Twin Lakes and the other is the Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area located just east of the Grindstone Nature Area. Even though the City currently manages the

Waters-Moss site, it was determined that until park amenities are constructed, the site would remain as a traditional deer hunting site under MDC guidelines.

A small tract located between County House Creek and the Twin Lakes entrance road used to be in the archery deer hunting program, but it was removed two years ago due to the construction of the County House Trail. One of the rules of the program stated that "no hunting or field dressing shall be allowed within 100 feet of a city trail." The County House Trail bisected the allowable hunting area making the entire site within 100 feet of a city trail. Approval of this ordinance would officially remove Twin Lakes from the program.

Council may choose to approve the ordinance that removes Twin Lakes and the Grindstone Nature Area from the archery deer hunting program or modify the ordinance to remove only Twin Lakes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

NA

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

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FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	No
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, July 19, 2013 7 p.m.

ARC, 1701 W. Ash

MINUTES

Commission Present: Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Terry Kloeppel, Dan Devine, Bill Pauls, Meredith Donaldson, Linda Hutton

Staff Present: Mike Griggs, Gabe Huffington, Erika Coffman, Tammy Miller

Bow Hunting Sites

Griggs informed the Commission that at the July 15 Council meeting, Councilperson Hoppe requested that the Commission consider the removal of the Grindstone Nature Area from the approved bow hunting sites. In addition to this request, Griggs said staff would like the Commission's input regarding adding crossbows to the City's hunting program. There have been many requests for this, Griggs said.

He shared crossbow information with the Commission, including guidelines from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and from other states.

Blevins, who has experience with cross-bow hunting, said he would consider guidelines of minimum pull of 125 with maximum pull of 200, which actually is not that much by today's standards.

Regarding the removal of Grindstone, Griggs said there have been complaints from users of the Nature Area, namely in one instance a deer carcass was left by a hunter near the trail. This is also an off-leash area for dogs and most of the concerns are about dogs possibly being harmed. Finally, the use of the trail and park has increased with more student housing being developed.

Donaldson agreed, saying she had heard those same concerns about dogs and asked if we had information relating to the success of the program.

Griggs indicated that he only had information on number of hunters and deer harvested.

Griggs said he'd like the Commission to first address the Grindstone Nature Area concern.

Kloeppel made a motion, seconded by Hutton, that Grindstone Nature Area be removed from the list of bow hunting sites.

Discussion continued with Pauls asking if the deer left behind was in season?

Griggs said yes, it was during the deer archery season and that hunters that participate in the training are told not to do that. He does not know if it was a legal hunter who left it, or someone else who had not registered for the program. It's impossible to tell.

Pauls commented that he thought the restrictions on hunters are strong enough and that most are conscientious hunters that know the difference between a dog and deer.

Blevins asked if one site was removed, did that mean that any would be added?

Griggs said no, but the others would remain: Strawn Road property, Norma Sutherland-Smith Park, Gans Creek Recreation Area south of the creek, Oakland Church Road property, sewer treatment plant property near McBaine, Jay Dix Station property, landfill, and MDC property at Hinkson Woods and Waters-Moss.

Commission voted on the motion on the floor, motion passed 6-1 with Pauls casting the dissenting vote.

The Commission further discussed adding crossbow hunting to the program. Davis commented that she is not familiar enough with crossbows to offer input. Other Commissioners commented that the MDC guidelines seemed like a good place to start as MDC only allows crossbows based on a medical condition.

Donaldson said she would like to go on record as saying she is not comfortable with going forward with the MDC blanket guidelines and would like to see more specific guidelines.

Blevins said he'd advise a 125 minimum pull, with required broadheads, no scope and and would not worry about a maximum. He also suggested that we contact the local MDC agents and a retail store such as Bass Pro for further guidelines.

Griggs thanked them for their input and indicated that it appeared that the commission was comfortable with the use of crossbows, with some restrictions, and that staff will incorporate them into the 2013-2014 program based on input received.

Bow Hunting Areas City of Columbia, MO

HUNTING LOCATIONS

SEE DETAILED MAPS FOR EXACT HUNTING LOCATIONS AND PARKING

