



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

May 7, 2024

Resolution approving the Deer Management Plan for Years 2024 to 2029 and authorizing the City Manager to implement the plan.

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Fiscal Impact: N/A
Staff Recommendation: Approval
Commission Recommendations: N/A
Attachments: [2023-2024 IC Deer Management Annual Report Final.pdf](#)
[Resolution](#)
[2024-2029 Deer Management Plan Final.docx](#)

Executive Summary:

The Iowa Natural Resource Commission (NRC) is authorized to approve deer management in urban areas, including regular hunts, in addition to special hunts. In 2019, City Council adopted its current Deer Management Plan (Resolution No. 19-216) to allow for a combination of lethal and non-lethal deer management activities. The plan is now at the end of its planning horizon and must be updated for the next five-year period. The deer management plan attached to the resolution allows the City to request authorization from the NRC to continue its non-lethal deer management activities and its annual bow hunt program over the next five years, in addition to at least one and possibly two professional sharpshoot events.

Background / Analysis:

The City has worked cooperatively with the State of Iowa over the last five years to follow the 2019-2024 Deer Management Plan. The City provides an annual report to the State and the general public each year detailing our population management efforts that are in alignment with the approved plan. Attached to this agenda item is the most recent annual report that was completed in March 2024.

Upon approval by the City Council, staff will present the updated deer management plan to the NRC for their consideration.