

# Urban Deer Hunt Program Application

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*Purpose:* The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) supports the use of regulated hunting as the most effective and efficient way to manage wildlife populations. As part of a cooperative effort, the AGFC will provide technical assistance and regulation framework in order to aid municipalities wishing to manage urban deer populations and/or address urban deer issues through the use of archery hunting. The AGFC recognizes that each municipality varies greatly with regards to its governance, population, demographics, land-use patterns, and to the acceptance of urban deer management. Therefore, the AGFC has established an urban deer hunting program which may be adapted to meet the municipalities' needs.

## **City Contact Information:**

Participating municipality: HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, AR

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**Urban Deer Hunt Rules:** *(These are rules which are defined by the city and are in addition to those mandated by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as outlined in the Urban Deer Hunt Program Protocol).*

- 1) Will your city require a minimum urban hunt participant age other than 6 years old?  
 Yes  No
- 2) What will the minimum age requirement of your urban hunt participants be? 16
- 3) Will your city allow the use of crossbows?  Yes  No
- 4) If your city allows the use of crossbows will there be any guidelines placed on who may use them?  
 Yes  No If so, who may use crossbows? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Will you allow hunters to hunt from the ground or require that they hunt out of elevated stands only?  
Elevated Stands Only (list any exceptions)
- 6) If you require hunters to hunt from an elevated stand what will the minimum stand height requirement be? 10 feet
- 7) Will you require that hunters hunt a minimum distance of 50 yards from designated trails or parks?  
 Yes  No
- 8) Will you require your hunters to pass a shooting proficiency test?  Yes  No

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9) Will you require your hunters to have passed the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP)?  
 Yes  No

10) The approved time frame to conduct an urban deer hunt is September 1<sup>st</sup> - February 28<sup>th</sup>.  
What dates will your city conduct its hunt this season? Dec 9, 2017 through Jan 31, 2018

**Additional urban deer hunt rules defined by the city:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **SEE ATTACHED HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE RULES** \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Cities participating in the Urban Deer Hunt Program will be required to:**


- Provide a completed and signed urban hunt application to the AGFC by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Conduct an urban hunt orientation for its hunters prior to its hunt.
- Provide hunters with a list of "Rules of the Hunt" for their city.
- Issue vehicle dash placards to its hunters which legibly show the hunter's name, address, phone number, and date of birth.
- Issue urban hunt tags to its hunters and record all necessary information requested on the urban hunter registration ledger (provided by the AGFC).

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*Urban Deer Hunt City Approval Signature: By signing, the city agrees to participate in the 2017-2018 Urban Deer Hunt Program and enter into a partnership with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The city also agrees to the hunt guidelines outlined above and to those outlined in the Urban Deer Hunt Program Protocol. The implementation of any pre-hunt qualification will be the responsibility of the city.*



City Representative



Date

## RULES OF THE HUNT

### 2017-2018 HSV– Urban Deer Hunt

**SEASON:** December 9, 2017 – January 31, 2018

The following items are required to participate in the 2017-2018 Urban Deer Hunt:

1. Valid Arkansas big game hunting license (resident or nonresident 16 yrs. or older).
2. Valid International Bowhunter Education Program card (IBEP).
3. Valid Urban Bowhunting tags (issued by AR Game & Fish to the city of HSV).
4. Valid vehicle dash placard.
5. Pass shooting proficiency test (if required).
6. Shoot from elevated deer stands 10 feet above ground.
7. Must have name & phone number on deer stands, feeders, & cameras.
8. Must remove all deer stands, feeders, & cameras at the end of the hunt. **Failure to do so will result in HSV confiscating all equipment.**
9. Use longbow, recurve, or compound bow with at least 35-pound pull & broadheads at least 7/8-inch wide (use of mechanicals is permissible) string locks are not permitted. Crossbows with minimum draw weight of 125 pounds & mechanical safety are allowed.
10. Do not leave deer entrails near trails, streets, or dirt roads. Cover entrails with leaves.
11. Tampering or theft of property will result in charges being filed and loss of HSV hunting privileges.
12. Residents caught tampering or removing a hunter's equipment will be charged.
13. Hunt in designated areas and at least 50 yards from trails, parks, golf courses, lakes, private residences, public facilities, and all roads.
14. If hunting on private property must have written permission from property owner.
15. Hunt at least 150 feet from any occupied dwelling.
16. Hunters must attend HSV Orientation to show current license, cards, and sign POA waiver. Maps & dash placards will be handed out and questions answered.
17. Both bucks & does are allowed to be harvested. Deer harvested must be **adult deer** and the first deer must be donated to Arkansas Hunter's Feeding the Hungry (hunter's responsibility to deliver to processor).
19. Check the harvest to the **Hot Springs Village Urban Deer Zone** online at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), using the AGFC app, or by telephone toll free **844-527-4868** within 24 hours of harvest.
20. Record harvest confirmation number & date of harvest on the back of vehicle dash placard.

\*All deer harvested under the Urban Deer Hunt program are considered bonus deer and do not count in the hunter's seasonal bag limit. No antler restrictions apply.