

Urban Deer Hunt Program Application

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: City of Heber Springs
Point of contact person: Jeremy O'Homan Phone number: 501-362-5554
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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? must pass proficiency test
- 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 1st - last day of February. What dates will your city conduct its hunt this season?

Same as above

Additional urban deer hunt rules defined by the city:

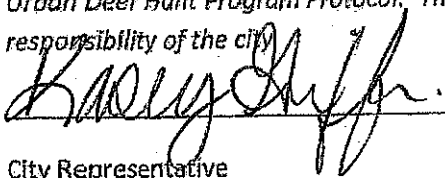
1. See attached list of rules.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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

- Provide a completed and signed urban hunt application to the AGFC Deer Program Coordinator by May 1st.
- 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.
- Have a city-approved administrator on site at an urban hunt orientation to sign/approve hunter dash placards, issue urban hunt tags to its hunters, and record all necessary information requested on the urban hunter registration ledger (provided by the AGFC).
- Maintain a location within the city during the remainder of the urban hunt season to sign/approve hunter dash placards, issue urban hunt tags to its hunters, and record all necessary information requested on the urban hunter registration ledger (provided by the AGFC).

Urban Deer Hunt City Approval Signature: By signing, the city agrees to participate in the 2025-2026 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

4-21-25

2025 – 2026 Urban Deer Hunt Rules for Heber Springs, AR

- 1. Must have a valid Arkansas Hunting License.**
- 2. Must have a Hunter Education Card if born after 1968**
- 3. Must use archery only (compound or crossbow)**
- 4. Must hunt during normal AGFC Bow Season (September 1st 2025-February 28th 2026)**
- 5. All property in Heber Springs urban deer hunt is private – hunter must have written permission to hunt anywhere**
- 6. Shoot from a stand at least 10 feet above the ground**
- 7. Must use this tag only in the city limits**
- 8. First deer must be a doe**
- 9. Must check deer according to State guidelines**
- 10. Cover deer with poly tarp before and after school hours**
- 11. First deer goes to feed the hungry in Arkansas**
- 12. NO CLEANING STATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY**
- 13. Additional tags at 806 W Main St. – 5 at a time with a driver's license and certificate of completion of class. Hours of operation 7:00 am – 3:30 pm**