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Watford City, ND Wildlife Management Program

No person shall hunt, by archery or crossbow, within the city limits of Watford City unless properly permitted by the City of Watford City Wildlife Management Program and licensed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Application Process:

- ✓ Applicant must be 18 years or older at the start of the season.
- ✓ Must complete a proficiency test & safety briefing approved through this program.
- ✓ Submit bow hunting application form to Watford City Police Department.
 - Archery proficiency test. The qualification done by the WCPD will be valid for 5 years from the date issued
- ✓ Initial applications will be accepted until August 23rd, 2023.
- ✓ If a City of Watford City bow hunting permit is approved the applicant may apply with the North Dakota Game and Fish for up to (3) City of Watford City herd reduction program antlerless licenses.

Summary of Watford City Bow Hunting Regulations:

1. All private land within the City of Watford City is considered as “Posted” as no hunting for the purposes of this program
2. Nothing in this program shall be interpreted to authorize trespassing on private land.
3. All arrows must be marked with hunter’s last name and permit number.
4. Hunter’s must comply with all applicable North Dakota Game and Fish rules and regulations.
5. No field dressing.
6. Archery devices may not be discharged:
 - a) Across any street, sidewalk, road, highway, or playground
 - b) Within 100 yards of any church, school, or playground

- c) Within 50 yards of any dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle unless the hunter has permission from owner / occupants.
- d) Arrows may not land on property that hunter does not have permission to enter.
- e) Arrows may not land within 50 feet of any street or public right of way.
7. Hunter's shall notify any property owner, other than those having given signed permission, of the fact that a wounded or downed animal is located on their land.
8. Reasonable attempts shall be made to retrieve all downed game.
9. Hunter's shall attempt to get permission from a property owner for permission to retrieve any downed game.
10. If permission cannot be obtained the hunter shall notify the Watford City Police Department and/or North Dakota Game and Fish of the situation for assistance.

Penalty for Violations:

Any violations of the Watford City Wildlife Management Program ordinances are an infraction punishable by up to \$500 fine and sanctions on existing and receiving future bow hunting permits

North Dakota Deer Proclamation Website:

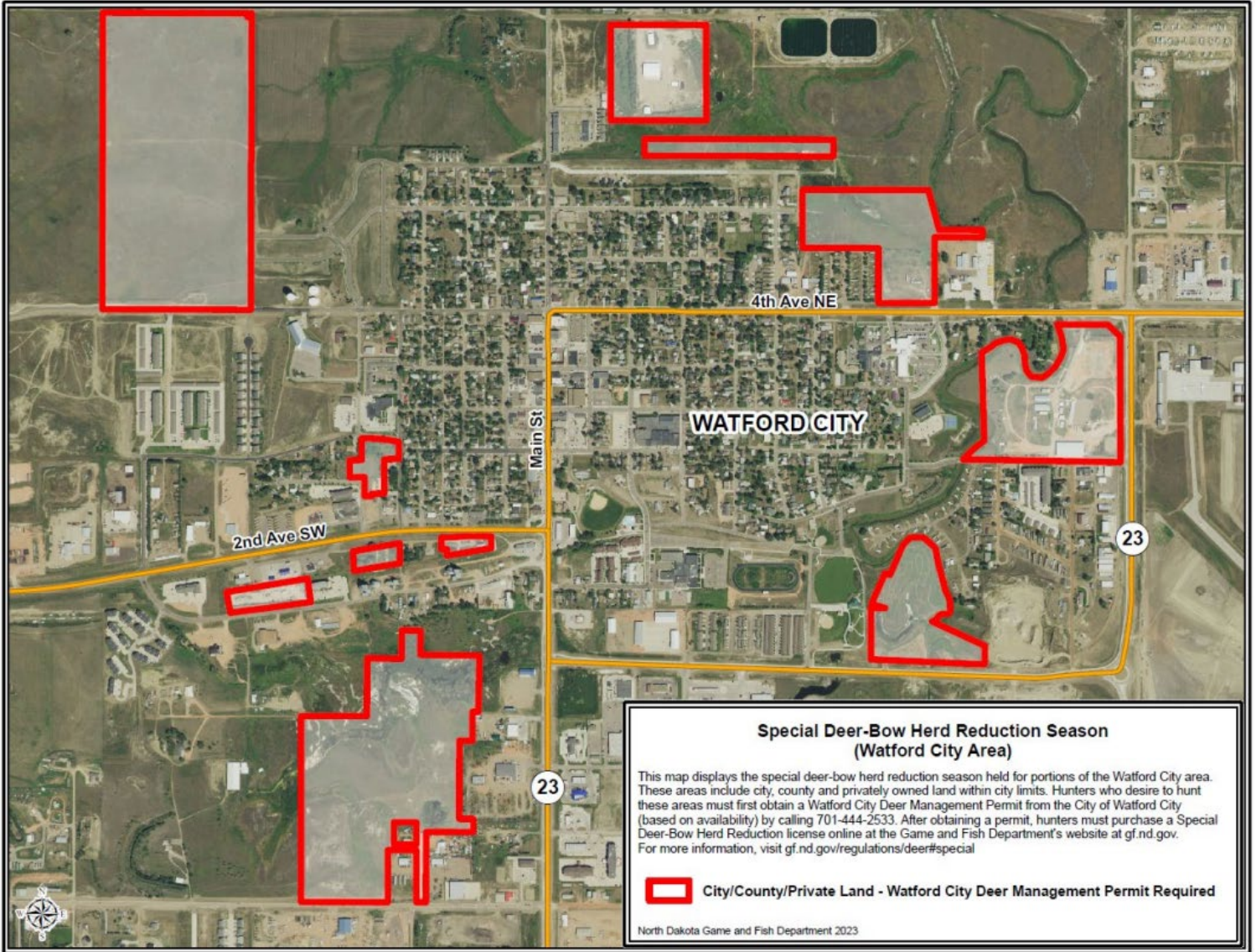
<https://gf.nd.gov/gnf/regulations/docs/deer/proc-deer-2023.pdf>

Page 20 has the Watford City map

Meat Processing at the Watford City High School

The high school has a meat processing class that can take deer depending on availability. If you are interested in this process, please reach out to Scott Wisness at Scott.Wisness@k12.nd.us to check the availability of this option. There is no "walk-in" option with the school as a processing option. You would need to have your utilization of this program pre-approved by Mr. Wisness. If they are overly busy, they might not be able to process speciality items such as sausage or snack sticks.

Processing form: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-YglwIkrm-U6XJhkokIfzzaom7kcQ9k478P7_G8SHvk/edit?usp=sharing



City of Watford City

Application for Special Archery Hunt

On Specified Properties, for Deer.

This application will remain valid for the complete period. A maximum of 300 antlerless Deer Bow Season licenses will be issued for hunting in the City of Watford City. Permit holders may initially receive up to three Special Deer Bow Season Licenses. Then the approved applicant will need to come to the Watford city Police Department to acquire their license after they have completed their efficiency test.

*You will be **required** to submit the completion of a City approved Archery Safety Program & proficiency test with your application, which will be **valid for 5 years.**

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State: _____ Home Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of permits requested: _____

Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement State of North Dakota and County of McKenzie

I, _____ hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Watford City, North Dakota, and its officers, agents, and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, (in the event it shall be necessary to file or defend and action) for bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, including loss of use, arising out of or is in any way connected with the event described above, including the property owners participation in the program. This agreement shall be effective for the entire time period of the event described above.

Signed: _____

(To be signed in presence of Notary Public, available at Watford City Police Department)

Have you participated in this program before? Yes _____ No _____

State of North Dakota
County of McKenzie

On _____, 20____, _____ personally appeared before me, to be signer of the above document, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed it.

(Seal)

Notary Public

DEER HUNTING PERIOD

12PM September 1st, 2023 and close ½ hour after sunset on January 31st, 2024

DOE ONLY

Note: Remember that the permit you receive from the Police Department only allows you to apply for a City of Watford City Wild Life Management Program Deer License with the North Dakota Game and Fish, it is **NOT A DEER LICENSE**. Hunters must submit applications to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Bismarck Office along with a copy of their City of Watford City Deer Management Permit and \$30.00 for each license. Permit holders on first come first serve basis.

If you have questions on your already taken Archery course and proficiency test, please contact the Police Department for the Chief of Police to review your documents.

(701)842-2280 Opt. 1

The Police Department is hosting the following Archery course and proficiency test on the following dates and times at the McKenzie County sportsman's Club, 2306 121X Ave NW, Watford City, ND:

July 6th at 5pm, July 13th at 5pm, August 3rd at 5pm, August 17th at 5pm, August 26th at 12pm, September 14th at 5pm, September 16th at 12pm or September 21st a 5pm.

Please call the Police Department to sign up for one of these designated dates.

7010-842-2280 Opt. 1

Return this application to the Watford City Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

WHEREAS, the electorate of the City of Watford City has adopted a home rule charter in accordance with Chapter 40-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that the City shall have the right to implement home rule powers by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 40-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that said home rule charter and any ordinances made pursuant thereto shall supersede state laws in conflict therewith and shall be liberally construed for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, Article III(8) of the Home Rule Charter of the City grants the City power to provide for the adoption, amendment, and repeal of ordinances and resolutions, and regulations to carry out its governmental and proprietary powers and to provide for public health, safety, morals, and welfare, and penalties for a violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council pursuant to authority granted to it under Home Rule, has adopted and approved City Ordinance 7-401 et. seq. to establish a City Wildlife Management Program, including such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the City Wildlife Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to designate a season for the City's Wildlife Management Program for 2023-2024 to abate the nuisance the excess deer create within the city limits, to set the rules and regulations for the 2023-2024 season, and to decide the number of deer which may be taken by each permit holder for the 2023-2024 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby designates a hunting season for the City Wildlife Management Program for 2023-2024. The City Wildlife Management Program deer season shall run from noon, September 1, 2023 through ½ hour after sunset January 31, 2024. Legal shooting hours shall run concurrent with ND Game & Fish Department regulations (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes issuance of a total of 300 permits with no cost to participate in the 2023-2024 City Wildlife Management season. Each permit holder may initially purchase up to three (3) ND Game & Fish Department licenses for antlerless deer of any species. In order to be eligible to participate, an individual must make an application with the Watford City Police Department, pass the proficiency test administered by the Watford City Police Department, and attend a class on the rules and requirements of the Wildlife Management Program designed by the Watford City Police Department. A person does not need to pass the proficiency test administered by the Watford City Police Department or attend a class on the rules and requirements of the Wildlife Management

Program designed by the Watford City Police Department if the applicant has done so within the past five (5) years. Eligible applicants will be issued a permit or permits on a first come, first served basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all permit holders shall report to the Watford City Police Department the number of deer harvested and the number of ND Game & Fish Department licenses left unfilled by March 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no driving or parking of any kind of vehicles shall be permitted while hunting or retrieving a harvested or wounded animal except for in areas that are open to public parking; no field dressing of a harvested animal shall take place on property enrolled in the Wildlife Management Program and all entrails will be properly disposed of by the permit holder; no permit holder may follow a wounded deer onto property not enrolled in the Wildlife Management Program and must immediately report such an event to the ND Game & Fish to allow for the safe harvesting of the deer; permit holders who are allowed to utilize a cross bow under the rules and regulations of the ND Game & Fish shall only be allowed to utilize a cross bow on those properties identified by the Watford City Police Department as being large enough to safely meet the boundary requirements set out in Watford City Ordinance 7-407.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall have the right for whatever reason it deems prudent to end the season for the 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Program with a 24-hour notice to the public, including an emailed notice to all permit holders.

The above resolution was introduced and passed at a meeting of the City Council of Watford City on the 21st day of March, 2023, by the following vote: Council member Beard moved and Council member Devlin seconded the adoption of this resolution. On roll call vote of the Council members, the following Council Members voted "AYE": Liebel, Devlin, Bulzomi, Beard, and Renville and the following Council members voted "NAY": none. Absent and not voting: Sanford.

ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Watford City, North Dakota, this 21st day of March, 2023.

CITY OF WATFORD CITY

ATTEST:


Peni Peterson, City Auditor

Mayor Philip K. Riely

