**APPLICATION TO BOW HUNT ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY**

Applications to bow hunt on City-owned property will be taken until December 13, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Hunting of city owned property will begin on December 1, 2024, in parks with the exception of Highland Golf Course. You will be notified when Highland Golf Course will be open for hunting only if you wish to hunt that area and have not been assigned to another park. If you wish to wait until Highland Golf Course is available, and not be assigned another park in the meantime, please state that below.

The city-owned property available for hunting is as follows:

Highland Golf Course Muse Norris Youth Softball Complex

MacNider Park/Parkers Woods Black Pit

Georgia Hanford Park Elmwood Cemetery (west of Monroe Ave)

MacNider Art Museum (bottom ground) Elmwood Cemetery (Northwest corner)

Big Blue Chodur Preserve

All hunters that qualify to hunt will be placed into a location based on their preferences (below). Based on the location there may be additional restrictions beyond what is included with this application. You will be notified by phone which area you have been authorized to hunt. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred hunting area. You will need to come to the Police Department to pick up your authorization letter, rules & regulations, hunting vest and you will also be required to sign a Waiver of Liability.

Please list below which property you would like to hunt in order of preference (most preferred=1; least preferred=4):

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Once hunters have filled their tag(s) and are finished hunting on their assigned property, we would ask that you contact MCPD via telephone at 641-421-3694 and let us know. We expect that demand may require us to put additional hunters on some parcels in order to get all applicants an opportunity to hunt. Once one hunter is completed at a location, we will then assign another.

**Applicant Information**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please note that as soon as hunters fill their tag(s), we will draw another name for that spot so please ensure we have a good telephone number of file to contact you.

**Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

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**Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Before permit will be considered for approval you **must** include:

* Copy of hunting license

❑ Copy of DMZ deer tag

❑ Copy of driver's license

❑ Copy of proficiency testing card.

*The mission of the Mason City Police Department is to provide professional public service through partnerships with the community to improve the quality of life and maintain the public's trust.*

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Assigned Property \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**City of Mason City**

**Hunting City-Owned Property – Rules and Regulations**

The intent behind allowing bow hunting on certain City-owned properties is to safely reduce the urban deer population in Mason City. Although white-tailed deer are a valuable part of our natural wildlife, within Mason City the population has reached a number beyond the limits of social acceptability.

The DNR will issue a limited number of depredation tags to bow hunt by way of application and submission of necessary documents prior to approval. This application may be picked up at the Mason City Police Department, 78 S. Georgia Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday — Friday.

Once the cutoff date to receive applications has been reached, all applications will be subject to a limited background check. Once this has been completed, all qualifying hunting applications will be approved to hunt City-owned property by way of a lottery. The City will make every effort to place hunters in the areas they have listed on their application as "preferred hunting areas". You will only be allowed to hunt the City-owned property you are assigned.

All hunters must agree to abide by the following rules and regulations. Non-compliance with any of these in whole or in part is considered a violation and will result in immediate revocation of the permit:

1. First and foremost, all hunters agree to comply with all Iowa DNR rules covering bow hunting of deer.
2. You must possess a State of Iowa hunting license with habitat fee and have a Mason City DMZ deer license. Regular state licenses are not valid within the Mason City DMZ. Licenses must have been purchased from Fleet Farm in Mason City.
3. Proof of passing the required proficiency testing will be submitted with your application documents. If you have not passed the required proficiency testing, your application will not be considered.
4. Safety is the foremost concern. All hunters must ensure that all shots are made carefully and safely, acknowledging the presence of not only other hunters in the area, but also citizens of and visitors to Mason City that may be present along trails and public right-of-ways.
5. All hunters are required to hunt from an elevated deer stand and must take every necessary safety precaution against falling from the stand, including securing the hunter to the tree with a safety harness.
6. Hunting on the Highland Park Golf Course will only be allowed after the course has been closed for the season.
7. The boundaries of hunting areas will be given to each authorized hunter in the form of a map with clearly marked boundary lines. Any hunting outside of these boundary lines will result in revocation of permit and possible criminal charges. Hunters must be aware that there will be more than one hunter assigned to each authorized area.
8. Each hunter must carry with them while hunting:
   1. The City permit or authorization letter issued to them
   2. All Iowa DNR required licenses
   3. Photo ID
   4. City-issued hunting vest
9. All arrows must be carried in quiver while traveling to and from the hunting/stand sites. Hunters will make every reasonable effort to retrieve all arrows released during the hunt.
10. Field dressing is allowed as long as all entrails piles are carried out of the park area. No burying of entrails piles will be allowed. Please be aware of your surroundings if you do choose to field dress. Some of these parks do contain walking trails and people, especially children, may be in closer proximity than you realize.
11. Hunters will be issued a blaze orange vest that must be worn while hunting. This vest will serve not only as a safety measure but also makes others aware that the hunter is authorized by the Mason City Parks Department and Police Department to be hunting on City owned property. Any hunter found to be allowing a non-authorized person to wear this vest and hunt without the proper permit will result in immediate revocation of the authorized hunter. A $25 deposit in the form of a check will be required by each authorized hunter when you receive your vest and permit; upon the return of the vest when hunting is completed, the cheek will be returned to the hunter.
12. Hunters may not shoot across property lines onto privately owned property. In addition, hunters may not shoot across any trails or walking path whether they are paved paths or not.
13. All elevated stands must be portable with no permanent stands erected. Stands cannot be erected using nails or screws driven into trees. Stands cannot be erected sooner than one week prior to the start of the season and must be removed within one week following the end of the season.
14. All elevated hunting stands must have a tag attached showing the name of the hunter, address, and telephone number. Any stands found not to have this information attached will be removed and confiscated.
15. No baiting, stalking, or driving of deer is allowed.
16. Hunting times will be limited to ½ hours before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset.
17. Hunters are required to bring harvested deer to the Mason City Police Department for sight check and inspection and to report where harvest occurred. Check in must occur within six hours of harvest. In addition, hunters must report the number of arrows shot and any citizen complaints.
18. Upon harvest of a deer and check in at MCPD, unless the hunter has unfilled DMZ tag, the hunter must turn in his/her vest so a new hunter can be assigned to their area.
19. No motorized vehicles of any kind will be allowed on city-owned hunting ground.
20. Deer must be covered or enclosed when transporting.
21. If a deer is morally wounded and wanders off the property being hunted onto privately owned property, the hunter shall make every attempt to notify the landowner before entering the property to recover the deer. If unable to locate, call dispatch at 641-421-3000 to report it.