

RECREATION, LIBRARIES AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

09-0455R

RESOLUTION GOVERNING THE SEASONAL DEER HUNT IN DULUTH BY DESIGNATING CERTAIN HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR HUNTING DURING THE 2009 SEASON ONLY.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the Arrowhead Bowhunters Alliance (ABA) is the contract agent for the 2009 seasonal deer hunt; and

WHEREAS, the ABA has received complaints from city residents regarding wild deer damaging property in areas located outside of the current designated hunting areas (DHA's); and

WHEREAS, the ABA has identified these areas and is requesting they be designated as being in special need of deer removal, or hot spots, for the 2009 season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authorization contained in Section 6-77(d)(1) of the Duluth City Code, the city council hereby designates the areas set forth on maps 1-10 of Public Document No. \_\_\_\_\_ on file in the office of the city clerk, as areas in special need of deer removal, or hot spots, and are hereby made available for deer harvesting during the 2009 seasonal hunt.

Approved for presentation to council:

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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

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Attorney

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Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution designates certain areas within the city as areas in special need of deer removal, or hot spots, where deer harvesting shall be allowed during the 2009 seasonal hunt.

Over the past several years the Arrowhead Bowhunters Alliance (ABA) has received complaints from city residents reporting that deer have over-run their neighborhood and are causing damage to property. According to the ABA, these deer tend to live in small wooded sanctuaries that lie outside of current designated hunting areas (DHA's). They have become habituated to urban life, moving at will from yard to yard damaging resident properties.

In response to these resident complaints, the ABA will assign a designated, experienced hunter or hunters to each hot spot for a short period of time to try and eliminate some of the neighborhood herd and consequently relieve residents of the damage being done by these deer.

Any hunts conducted in hot spots shall only be made with the permission of and in cooperation with neighborhood residents and in consultation with the Duluth police department and the city hunt representative.