

# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



**Agenda Item Number:** B 220-14

**Department Source:** Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Water & Light

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager & Staff

**Council Meeting Date:** July 21, 2014

**Re:** Modifications to the City's Archery Deer Management Program

## Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance,

**Supporting documentation includes:** Atkins & Sewer Utility Hunting Areas

## Executive Summary

Public Works, Water and Light and Parks and Recreation staff met with Missouri Department of Conservation staff to discuss modifications to the City's Archery Deer Hunting Management Program. Based on current construction schedules of existing parks and discussions user groups, staff is proposing the following modifications effective for the 2014-2015 archery season:

1. Strawn Road Property becomes Strawn Park with a hunting date restriction of December 15 to January 15 due to Phase I park development.
2. Remove Norma Sutherland Smith Park from the program due to Phase I park development.
3. Add Thomas E. 'Country' Atkins Memorial Park to the program with hunting dates of November 1 to January 15.

## Discussion

The City Ordinance that established an archery deer management program was passed by Council in August, 2004 in response to numerous resident communications related to safety and property damage caused by deer, including deer-vehicle collisions. The deer archery season begins September 15 and concludes January 15 of each year. This program establishes guidelines to be followed by anyone wishing to bow hunt for deer on permitted City property, including the requirement for hunters to attend an orientation and registration session prior to the start of the bow hunting season. During this session, hunters are made aware of the rules and regulations and any site specific policies. Those that successfully attend the session are given a permit card that is to be carried with them while they hunt and a larger placard to display in the vehicle while it is parked.

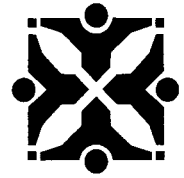
The training sessions for the 2014-2015 season are scheduled for 6:00 pm on August 19 and again at 3:00 and 6:00 pm on August 27. All training sessions will be held at the ARC.

Hunters must also follow all Missouri Department of Conservation regulations and the following City of Columbia Regulations:

1. No hunting or field dressing shall be allowed within 100-ft of private property or a City trail.
2. No four-wheelers or other motorized vehicles shall be used in connection with hunting on City property.
3. Tree stands shall be allowed subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. Only portable tree stands may be used.
  - b. Stands may be in place for the period beginning 15 days before archery deer season and

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ending 15 days after archery deer season.

- c. Stands must be identified with the full name and address of owner.
- d. Nails, screw-in steps and any other material that would damage a tree shall not be used.
- e. Minimal tree trimming in connection with tree stands shall be allowed only as expressly permitted by the department head in charge of the property or the department head's designee.

Currently, archery hunting for deer is allowed on all or a portion of the following City properties:

1. Lower Grindstone Nature Area
2. MKT Scott Blvd & Jay Dix Station area
3. Norma Sutherland-Smith Park
4. Gans Creek Recreation Area, south of the creek
5. Strawn Road Property
6. Sewer Utility Property on Coats Lane
7. Sewer Utility Property on Bainbridge Drive
8. Oakland Church Road Property
9. Sanitary Landfill (Hinkson Creek Rd & Wyatt Lane)

There are two other locations within the city limits where hunters may use archery methods to harvest deer. Both sites are under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Department of Conservation with the first located at the Hinkson Woods Conservation Area near Twin Lakes and the other is the Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area located just east of the Grindstone Nature Area. Even though the City currently manages the Waters-Moss site, it was determined that until park amenities are constructed, the site would remain as a traditional deer hunting site under MDC guidelines. A decision regarding hunting regulations on this site will likely need to be made prior to the 2015-2016 season.

Last year, staff introduced an ordinance that would remove two properties from the program. The first was a small tract located between County House Creek and the Twin Lakes entrance road and the second was the Grindstone Creek Nature Area. However, following comments during the public hearing and discussion by Council, the hunting area of the Grindstone Creek Nature Area was reduced instead of removed. Twin Lakes was removed in compliance with one of the rules of the program that states, "no hunting or field dressing shall be allowed within 100 feet of a City trail." The recently constructed County House Trail bisects the allowable hunting area making the entire site within 100 feet of a City trail.

Effective for the 2014-2015 archery season, staff is proposing the following modifications to the ordinance:

1. Strawn Road Property becomes Strawn Park with a hunting period restriction of December 15 to January 15. First phase development of Strawn Park includes the construction of a parking lot, shelter and disc golf course. Staff has worked with the Columbia Disc Golf Club and believes that the restriction still allows hunter access to the site and is acceptable to disc golf users.
2. Remove Norma Sutherland-Smith Park from the program. Staff will have significant construction underway with some of the improvements completed by the fall-winter of 2014. This had the lowest number of deer harvested, likely due to the limited natural resources. Increased residential development to the south has made an impact to the program, as well.

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3. Add a portion of Thomas E. 'Country' Atkins Memorial Park to the program with a hunting period of November 1 to January 15. The baseball fields at Atkins Park often have games that extend into mid-October, so a hunting period of November 1 to January 15 is proposed.

Staff is making minor changes to the Sewer Utility Property on Coats Lane based on concerns from the neighbors located adjacent to the park. This change removes the tree line where many of the trespassing complaints were filed.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Miscellaneous small dollar costs for new signs that will be absorbed in the operating budget.

Long-Term Impact: None.

## Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Not Applicable

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance with the recommended changes to the City's Archery Deer Hunting Management Program.

## Legislative History

Ordinance 21782, 8/19/2013 Removal of Grindstone Nature Area & Twin Lakes from program.

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=10402>

(NOTE: Council approved reducing the area of hunting at Grindstone Nature Area instead of removing it).

Ordinance 20387, 8/17/2009. Add 3 properties to the program: MKT Scott Blvd/Jay Dix, Gans Creek Rec Area, and Oakland Church Road.

[http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Final\\_Ordinances/Series\\_110/424;.html](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Final_Ordinances/Series_110/424;.html)

Ordinance 18652, 8/15/2005. Add 3 properties (Smith and two sewer utilities)

[https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Final\\_Ordinances/Series\\_106/474;.html](https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Final_Ordinances/Series_106/474;.html)

Ordinance 18197, 8/16/2004. Amending Chapter 17 and establishing an archery deer hunting program

[http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Final\\_Ordinances/Series\\_105/407;.html](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Final_Ordinances/Series_105/407;.html)

Mike Lopez  
Department Approved

City Manager Approved

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 220-14

### AN ORDINANCE

amending Ordinance No. 18197 that established an archery deer hunting program; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2, subsection 1. of Ordinance No. 18197 is amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

SECTION 2. Archery hunting of deer shall be allowed on city-owned property under the following restrictions:

1. Hunting shall be allowed only in the areas of the following property designated by the City Manager or the Manager's designee:
  - (a) Sanitary Landfill;
  - (b) Lower Grindstone Nature Area;
  - (c) Sewer Utility Property on Strawn Park Road, with hunting restricted from December 15, 2014 to January 15, 2015;
  - (d) Smith Park on the southwest corner of Waco Road and Brown Station Road-Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Jr. Memorial Park, with hunting restricted from November 1, 2014 to January 15, 2015;
  - (e) Sewer Utility Property on Coats Lane;
  - (f) Sewer Utility Property on Bainbridge Drive;
  - (g) MKT Nature Area – Scott Boulevard Access and MKT-Jay Dix Station Access;

- (h) Gans Creek Recreation Area – Gans Creek Road Access; and
- (i) Oakland Church Road property.

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor



## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Atkins Hunting Area Map

Sewer Utility Property Hunting Area Map

**PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**BOONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**PARKING**

**WALK IN/OUT ONLY**

**HUNTING ONLY ALLOWED  
IN THIS AREA OF THE PARK**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY**

### **Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Jr. Memorial Park**

Park: 81 acres – Hunting: 27.8 acres

Archery hunting allowed

Nov 1– Jan. 15 by registration only.

Hours: Beginning ½ hour before sunrise  
until ½ hour after sunset.

- No hunting or field dressing within 100 feet of trails and private property or within sight of park facilities (including parking).
- No four wheelers or motorized vehicles may be used in connection with archery program.
- Portable tree stands allowed with proper identification.
- No nails or screws in steps allowed.
- Park remains open to the public

# Sewer Utility Properties

