

CITY OF HUDSON  
ORDINANCE NO. 5-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 246-3, 99-6 and 181-5.F. OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN to allow Controlled Archery-Only Deer Hunts.

**Whereas**, the deer herd has grown considerably in Hudson in recent years, and more deer in the City have caused an increasing number of deer/car accidents; and

**Whereas**, increased deer population leads to frequent damage to residential plantings, prompting complaints from residents; and

**Whereas**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recognizes that deer population in our area may be more than double the ideal population; and

**Whereas**, overpopulation of deer can threaten the biodiversity of ecosystems within the City through overgrazing of certain plant species; and,

**Whereas**, past deer management programs have successfully thinned the deer herd in Hudson, with professional hunters using firearms to effectively reduce the deer herd, but at a significant cost to taxpayers; and

**Whereas**, current budget limitations require the City to consider other available deer control methods without expense to the taxpayers.

**Now, Therefore**, pursuant to its authority under Wisconsin Statutes, the Common Council of the City of Hudson hereby ordains that §246-3, §99-6 and §181-5.F. be amended as follows:

**§246-3. Discharge of bows.**

No person shall discharge, fire or shoot any bow, longbow, compound bow or other mechanical bow within the city, except in areas designated by the Common Council- , or with written approval by the Common Council as part of a Deer Control Program.

**§99-6. Feeding of wildlife.**


There shall be no feeding of ducks, geese, gulls or any other wild, nondomesticated animals within the City limits. This section shall not prohibit the feeding of trumpeter swans or the feeding of birds or squirrels, using common household bird feeders or squirrel feeders- , or the feeding of deer with written approval by the Common Council as part of a Deer Control Program.

§181-5. General Park Rules

F. The feeding of ducks, geese, deer, and other wild, nondomestic animals in City parks is prohibited, except the feeding of deer with written approval by the Common Council as part of a Deer Control Program.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as provided by State law.

Adopted this 19 day of April, 2010.

  
By: Dean R. Knudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nancy J. Korson, City Clerk

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