

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: October 5, 2015
Item No.: 15.a

Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Discuss a Draft Ordinance Regarding Wildlife Management in Roseville

BACKGROUND

On August 10, 2015, Staff brought forward a draft of a wildlife management ordinance that prohibited the feeding of wild animals. Both the City Council and the members of the public felt that the draft ordinance was inadequate as it didn't directly address the high deer population and mitigation efforts to reduce the number of deer in Roseville.

Based on this direction, staff has drafted a more complete ordinance that prohibits the feeding of wildlife and establishes a deer management plan that allows for deer hunts within the City. The deer management plan requires a deer population count at least every two years, the determination of suitable deer habitat, educational outreach to the public about coexisting with deer, and the provision for the City Council to order a deer hunt within the City.

Staff has also drafted a Deer Population Management Program and Policy document for City Council review and approval. This document more specifically lays out the deer population management program. Staff will note that it is proposed that the deer population will only be reduced by an archery hunt. Police Chief Rick Mathwig does not recommend the use of sharpshooters.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The intent of the proposed ordinance is limit the concentration of wild animals that can cause damage to gardens and landscaping and create a public safety danger for the traveling public.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The enforcement of the ordinance will require an undetermined amount of additional staff time to enforce and communicate the wildlife feeding ban, the deer management program, and any potential hunt. Communication about the wildlife management ordinance and plan will be included in existing public outreach tools and materials. The Community Development Department will enforce violations of the wildlife feeding ban. The Administration Department, working along with other City Departments, will oversee the deer management program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council review and provide feedback on the proposed draft ordinance and policy. After review and making any desired changes, the City Council should schedule consideration of adoption of the ordinance at a future meeting.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Will be based on discussion.

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Attachments:

- A. August 10, 2015 City Council Minutes
- B. Draft Wildlife Management Ordinance & Draft Deer Population Management Program and Policy

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Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Laliberte, Etten, and Roe.

Nays: McGehee.

Motion carried.

Given the current hour, Mayor Roe alerted those present that since members of the public were in attendance for the next item, the Council would address it; however, he could not guarantee the following item would have sufficient time for discussion yet tonight.

15. Business Items – Presentations/Discussions

a. Discussion on a Draft Ordinance Regarding Wildlife Management in Roseville

City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed this issue as detailed in the RCA dated August 10, 2015, and referenced the draft ordinance prepared by staff and the City Attorney to initiate discussions (Attachment A). Mr. Trudgeon noted a one-page proposed ordinance drafted by Councilmember McGehee and provided as a bench handout, *attached hereto and made a part hereof, entitled* “Proposed Ordinance Relating to the Banning of Deer Feeding in the City, Title 4, Chapter 411.”

At the request of Councilmember Laliberte, City Manager Trudgeon advised that this draft ordinance was not reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Commission for comment.

At the request of Councilmember Willmus, City Manager Trudgeon confirmed that model ordinances from other metropolitan cities were used, with this draft based primarily on that used by the City of Shoreview. When researching the issue and contacting other metropolitan cities, Mr. Trudgeon noted that many of them were in similar positions to the City of Roseville, and were seeking input on the City of Roseville’s research and recommendations.

Councilmember Willmus opined that the portion dealing with ground feeding and height of feeders in Councilmember McGehee’s draft addressed that better than the staff draft, one aspect he was interested in pursuing further.

City Manager Trudgeon clarified that it was not the intent of staff to get into the minutia of specific issues unless so directed, but the preference was to educate residents versus patrolling and enforcement.

Councilmember Willmus noted, acknowledged by City Manager Trudgeon, that the draft ordinance referenced a Wildlife Management Plan not yet created.

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Councilmember McGehee clarified that, from her recollection, previous discussions had been about a feeding ban, and if so, the staff draft ordinance was not at all what she was expecting to receive.

Mayor Roe stated that from his recollection, this was the direction staff was given.

Councilmember McGehee sought additional information including other types of wildlife in Roseville involving neighbors; some of the definitions in the staff draft actually addressing pets versus wild animals; creating too broad a feeding ban when the original intent was for a feeding ban to avoid deer eating vegetation; management of the regional deer herd by Ramsey County and whether permission from other communities was already a given; and whether that deer herd would congregate specifically in Roseville requiring the city to deal with it exclusively.

In response, City Manager Trudgeon clarified that the draft ordinance was intended to refer to wild animals versus domestic pets; confirming those communities in Ramsey County having given permission for management of the deer herd; and recognizing that it was unlikely that all deer would end up in Roseville, but the draft ordinance attempted to address migration patterns evidenced to-date.

Attempting to meet the educational efforts intended, Councilmember McGehee opined that a clear deer feeding ban should be in place as a first step, then if necessary allow Ramsey County an opportunity to reduce the deer number indicated in their most recent deer survey.

As a co-author of the draft ordinance, City Attorney Gaughan noted references to other wildlife compared to Councilmember McGehee's understanding of the deer feeding ban. Based on his recollection of direction to staff, Mr. Gaughan noted there had been other concerns raised by the public (e.g. raccoons) that also needed addressed; and even though he admitted this was new ground for him and staff to some extent, his approach was to address the issue with a broad brush that would then allow the City Council the opportunity to pare it down. Mr. Gaughan noted that the wild animal language came directly from the Shoreview feeding ban ordinance, and opined he thought it appropriate to include in this first draft to allow the City Council to determine what and what not to include. Mr. Gaughan reiterated that his recollection from public testimony indicated the issue went beyond just deer feeding.

Mayor Roe concurred with the recollection of public testimony, further noting that feeding of any wild animals had also been part of the City Council's discussion with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

To that point, City Attorney Gaughan responded that the City of St. Paul ordinance was strictly for enforcing a prohibition on feeding deer, and as a resident of

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St. Paul noted that there were rabbits and raccoons all around, but the local ordinance pointed only to deer. Mr. Gaughan reiterated that staff was working in the dark since as a community it was not clear what was actually needed.

Mayor Roe noted that wild turkeys and other wildlife were also problematic, and suggested may be why the Shoreview ordinance was broader.

Public Comment**Jim Bull, 3061 Woodbridge Street**

Mr. Bull echoed the comments of Councilmember McGehee that this was a deer issue in the community and there was no need to identify a broader wildlife feeding issue. Mr. Bull stated that deer would eat and if not fed they would find food elsewhere and that would mean continuing landscape issues. Mr. Bull opined that based on survey information, the missing piece was not a feeding ban, but to make sure the deer herd was not being overpopulated and precipitating the issue by creating a more widespread problem. Mr. Bull stated that the solution was to concentrate on managing the right number of deer in the city.

Roger Toogood, 601 Terrace Court

Mr. Toogood spoke in support of Mr. Bull's comments, expressing his disappointment with the "summary ordinance" based on previous discussions with the City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission indicting that feeding was only a small part of the problem and managing the deer herd was the real issue. Mr. Toogood noted that this draft ordinance didn't even discuss harvesting deer, and his understanding was that the ordinance in the packet was going to be presented and finally after all this time would be formally adopted by the City Council tonight, causing him further disappointment in hearing so much dissention among individual Council members. Mr. Toogood asked that the City Council face the issue head on and make a decision.

Timothy Callaghan, 3062 Shorewood Lane

Mr. Callaghan stated that his understanding was that the city was going to verify the actual acreage of deer habitat in this area; and opined that he didn't think the Park & Recreation Commission's research number was anywhere close to the actual but much larger. Mr. Callaghan further opined that some of the information received at the last discussion was incorrect, including the statement made that all green area shown on the map was public land, which was inaccurate since at least 1/3 of his backyard adjacent to Little Johanna had been identified as public.

Mr. Callaghan opined that the city was historically poor at enforcing its ordinances, and therefore why adopt this one. Mr. Callaghan also asked how much its enforcement would cost when there were other things brought forward needing attention.

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Mr. Callaghan reiterated his issues with the University of Northwestern and city's lack of enforcement of its noise ordinance that they had violated over 100 times in the last 12 years, and his inability to get city staff or police officers to address even though he was assured by City Manager Trudgeon in his former role as Community Development Director that he had personally checked it out, but if so it had not been observed by Mr. Callaghan. Mr. Callaghan noted the lack of enforcement in ticketing Northwestern students violating parking on Lydia Avenue, significantly impacting driving and narrowing that roadway. Mr. Callaghan questioned if only certain individuals in Roseville were treated as special.

Mr. Callaghan stated that his personal belief was to do no harm or cause injury to wild animals, and based on that philosophy he had no intention to pay for any control method, and based on the recent Supreme Court decision, that personal right had been justified and whatever the city did to control wildlife, he had no intention of paying for in any amount.

Mary Bridgeman, 471 Wagner Street

Ms. Bridgeman reiterated her issues with raccoons on her property due to neighbors feeding them, and the cost so far of over \$500 to eradicate them and take steps to mitigate their return. While supporting natural habitat, Ms. Bridgeman noted this wasn't the same as someone deliberately feeding wildlife and was not necessary when it created problems for neighbors, feces and damage to landscaping and other problems.

Motion

At approximately 10:00 p.m., Etten moved, seconded by Laliberte to extend the meeting to completion of discussion on this particular item.

Roll Call

Ayes: Ayes: McGehee, Willmus, Laliberte, Etten, and Roe.

Nays: None.

Bill Frank, 3141 Sandyhook Drive

Mr. Frank expressed disappointment in the draft ordinance, opining that he was convinced it would only address part of the problem, but something beyond a feeding ban was necessary. Mr. Frank addressed ramifications in feeding deer depending on the time of the year and significant impacts that could actually occur for deer with certain enzymes in their digestive tracts. Mr. Frank opined that this draft ordinance was the wrong solution, and while an ordinance against feeding deer may be great it would not solve the problem; further opining that a hunt was the only long-term solution to reduce deer herds in this quadrant.

City Council discussion and staff direction

As Councilmember McGehee spoke to earlier, Councilmember Willmus noted the mechanisms in place in surrounding communities to address the deer population. Whether in conjunction with a wildlife management plan simultaneously with the draft ordinance before the body, Councilmember Willmus opined that that was the

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direction needed. Councilmember Willmus stated that his position had not changed, and the time had come to address this issue.

Councilmember Etten addressed some technical issues he had with the draft ordinance and suggested the following revisions to staff's draft ordinance (Attachment C):

- Section 411.02: Definitions
Removal of items f – h retaining other definitions that related to potential wildlife evident in Roseville
- Incorporate Section 411.02 (Prohibitions) from Councilmember McGehee's draft ordinance into staff's draft ordinance, Section 411.03 (Prohibitions), replacing staff's second sentence verbatim with Councilmember McGehee's second sentence addressing the height component, but removing the reference to deer

Councilmember Etten agreed with the City Council discussion held with the Parks & Recreation Commission on the need for a wildlife feeding ban beyond just deer, noting that this would language as amended would address the amount of food and height restrictions for those desiring to feed deer.

In justifying the need for a feeding ban, Councilmember Etten opined that while it may not do much it may reduce the concentration if deer have trouble finding food and have to forage, further supporting natural eradication. Councilmember Etten recognized that this draft ordinance represented only a small step and he wanted to see a draft wildlife management plan and move that forward with the ordinance as a comprehensive plan.

Councilmember McGehee stated that she had additional problems with the suggestion to remove items f and f.

Mayor Roe noted that there appeared to be some confusion among Councilmembers and the public with the draft ordinances, and clarified that the draft prepared by staff and the City Attorney was included as Attachment C to the RCA, and Councilmember McGehee's draft submission was the one-page bench handout and specific to a deer feeding ban.

Councilmember McGehee suggested language in item a of Section 411.02 (Definitions) of staff's draft ordinance should stop at the comma simply stating "animals and birds, the keeping of which is licensed by the state or federal government." Would suffice and the remainder of the list was meaningless with few of them seen as wildlife, while some were actually kept as pets by some people. While unsure, Councilmember McGehee opined that item d in that section should be struck as well.

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However, Councilmember Etten noted that item d addressed domestic breeds, and while some of the items were applicable, it also set up that exemption.

Councilmember McGehee questioned whether feral cats should also be addressed since not a current problem, should not be excluded. Councilmember McGehee opined that the distinction should be in feeding outside versus inside pets; and also noted the need for the ordinance to provide an exemption for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, as well as exempting licensed animals or those used in a school setting for education and demonstration purposes.

Councilmember McGehee agreed that the ordinance should rely heavily on education at this point, but noted her inclusion of Section 411.04 (Penalties) in her draft ordinance to address fees that could become part of the City's annually adopted fee schedule. Councilmember McGehee suggested a brochure be created to be used along with the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) efforts and talked about annually; offering a copy of the St. Louis Park brochure as an example that addressed a variety of issues as part of those educational efforts while addressing problematic animals. Councilmember McGehee suggested this could be addressed under the City's existing nuisance ordinance versus a separate ordinance with court ramifications if not addressed even though she was not sure a significant problem existed to justify that process.

Councilmember McGehee stated that she didn't want to see the city come out initially with guns blazing, but preferred to encourage personal responsibility, providing residents with simple solutions for various wildlife issues requiring limited expenditures to mitigate. Councilmember McGehee opined that to impose a rigid and objectionable hunting program for Roseville when surrounding communities may or may not have a similar program seemed to be unnecessary, further opining that Ramsey County and the Department of Natural Resources were already tasked with that obligation and had the legal rights to manage the deer herd, negating any reason for the City to duplicate that at this time. Given plans for that fairly active program yet this fall, Councilmember McGehee opined that it should indicate a reduction in the herd.

Councilmember Laliberte agreed that it was disappointing that it had taken so long to get this draft ordinance, and suggested returning to the Parks & Recreation Commission for further vetting and to get a draft ordinance closer to what people were expecting. Councilmember Laliberte opined that discussing a feeding ban and what might happen next if this doesn't work was too much and a next step could address what might be appropriate if and when that didn't work. Councilmember Laliberte suggested the need for something allowing property owners to live on their property and do what they chose to do within reason in feeding non-nuisance animals, while at the same time addressing issues found in pockets of the community. However, Councilmember Laliberte stated that this draft was not what she envisioned, and didn't even reach a starting point for her.

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At the request of Mayor Roe, individual Councilmembers indicated their preference for a more comprehensive ordinance or wildlife management plan.

Councilmember Laliberte indicated that this draft ordinance went too far without addressing what happened next, especially with definitions of some animals referenced in items f and g. Councilmember Laliberte expressed interest in some of the ideas in Councilmember McGehee's draft that supported feeding of birds and squirrels; however, she noted it didn't address other concerns or provide a solution to safety and traffic issues specific to deer.

Mayor Roe opined that staff's draft provided a good first step and supported revising and removing some of the definitions, but to focus on what Roseville needed. Mayor Roe expressed interest in the height component in Councilmember McGehee's draft; and supported the penalty (Section 411.05) section in staff's draft as presented in that it didn't bar other resolutions but provided another tool. Under exemptions in staff's draft (Section 411.04), Mayor Roe noted language addressing other agents which he took to include the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center; and expressed interest for the management plan to include an option for a potential Roseville hunt. While the feeding ban got to the nuisance issue for neighboring properties, Mayor Roe opined that it needed to be balanced with code enforcement, recognizing that you had rights on your private property but as soon as that infringed on the ability of others and rights on their property it required some controls to be in place, as also addressed through the City's zoning and code enforcement ordinances. Mayor Roe recognized that some may think there is no harm feeding wildlife on their property, but further noted that wildlife didn't observe property boundaries, and created other issues beyond deer, and obvious in surrounding communities, whether wild turkeys, geese or other wildlife issues. While it may be a selfish desire for a property owner to see wild animals in their yards by feeding them, Mayor Roe noted that it could become detrimental to the natural health of that wildlife when it changed their natural habitat situation. Mayor Roe suggested it may be more beneficial to let wild animals be wild and not feed them on properties in Roseville, while the City addressed management of the deer herd when overpopulated.

In referencing previous discussions, Councilmember Laliberte noted the type of hunt was not identified or what triggers were activated if the hunt didn't work.

Mayor Roe opined that it made sense for this to return to the Park & Recreation Commission for their feedback.

Since this proposal originated with 14-15 complaints, and in her research of other ordinances (e.g. Shorewood) and prior to their enacting a feeding ban, Councilmember McGehee suggested it may be prudent for Councilmembers to read the results of that survey. Councilmember McGehee noted that some communities

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actually went out and sought where critical issues stood in their community, opining that was something rarely done in Roseville in the broader sense.

City Attorney Gaughan stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission had no interest in further hashing out this issue with the many other things they have on their plate. Regarding what may trigger a subsequent action, Mr. Gaughan admitted that neither he nor City Manager Trudgeon claimed to be experts in this area; and asked the City Council for their input on what sort of trigger or metric they preferred, or details on how they wanted that section of the ordinance to work.

Councilmember Laliberte suggested something about Department of Natural Resources (DNR) counts, with Councilmember in agreement and also recognizing counts from Ramsey County.

Mayor Roe noted his discussion of triggers at the previous meeting, and suggested if neighboring cities were participating with Ramsey County, the City of Roseville should do so since it made no sense not to participate.

Councilmember McGehee noted that Ramsey County had not asked the City of Roseville to participate and since many of its residents have asked not to participate, the City should listen to its constituents.

Mayor Roe clarified that just because people had differing opinions, it didn't mean that their City Council and its staff were not listening, suggesting that Councilmember McGehee was well aware of that.

Councilmember Laliberte questioned if there was a representative at Ramsey County who could talk to the City Council and how Roseville could factor into their efforts.

Mayor Roe noted that this had been part of the research of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

City Manager Trudgeon opined that tonight's discussion and ongoing dissention should allow an understanding by the City Council and the public of staff's dilemma in drafting this ordinance. For further direction, Mr. Trudgeon clarified that the consensus was a desire to maintain a wildlife feeding ban in some form and beyond deer; to draft a wildlife management plan with specific triggers identified; and provide next steps, including the hunting option contained in the draft ordinance.

Mayor Roe noted that this was at least the direction from three Councilmembers.

City Manager Trudgeon apologized while recognizing that this effort seemed to keep missing the mark, and was aware of the community's frustrations, but also

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noted it obviously was not a simple issue. If the intent was to focus only on deer, Mr. Trudgeon opined that the Parks & Recreation Commission had come forward with great recommendation, and suggested staff base options on that in drafting a wildlife management plan, further opining that he had not gotten that direction clearly during previous discussions, and seeking as much clarity in direction as possible.

At the request of Mayor Roe, Councilmember Willmus concurred with the need to reassess the situation after two years; with Councilmember Willmus further supporting getting in line with surrounding communities as soon as possible to be included in the DNR deer hunt.

Mayor Roe directed staff, majority opinion of the council, to draft a plan for the public and Councilmembers to respond to.

With agreement with that direction from Mayor Roe and consensus of the majority, City Attorney Gaughan clarified that the two year period for reassessing was specific to the hunt, but not appropriate for the ordinance itself. Mayor Roe noted that the City Council could also choose to re-evaluate it at any time.

Councilmember Laliberte clarified that she didn't want to wait another two years for more information on how to participate with Ramsey County but preferred that information immediately, which was duly noted by City Manager Trudgeon.

b. Discussion of 2015 – 2017 Policy Priority Planning Document
Deferred to a future meeting.

16. City Manager Future Agenda Review

17. Councilmember-Initiated Items for Future Meetings

18. Adjourn

McGehee moved, Willmus seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 10:29 p.m.

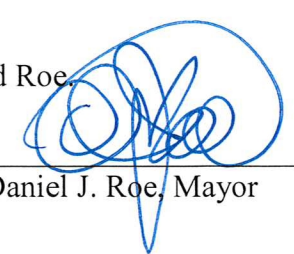
Roll Call

Ayes: Ayes: McGehee, Willmus, Laliberte, Etten, and Roe.

Nays: None.

ATTEST:


Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager


Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

**City of Roseville
ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING

TITLE 4, CHAPTER 411

**AN ORDINANCE TO RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE
IN THE CITY**

THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: Title 1, Chapter 411 of the Roseville City Code is created to read as follows:

411.01: PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Chapter to manage wildlife within the city and eliminate intentional feeding of wild animals for the following reasons:

- (a) Management of wildlife in urban areas is important to the health of residents and the animals.
- (b) Population management of wildlife is necessary to ensure a stable balance of resources and the reduction in nuisances for residents.
- (c) Intentional feeding causes concentrations of wild animals which can destroy garden crops and landscaping in areas of the city.
- (d) Intentional feeding results in an increased potential of public safety problems including car/animal crashes and the spreading of diseases.

411.02: DEFINITIONS

Wild Animal. Any animal that is not normally domesticated in the state, including but not limited to raccoons, turkeys, coyotes, deer, feral cats, foxes, and skunks, ducks, geese, swans, herons, and egrets.

411.03: FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED

A. Except as hereinafter provided no person shall intentionally feed wild animals within the City.

B. Intentional feeding is defined as distributing one gallon or more of grain, vegetables, fruits, nuts, hay, or a salt lick on the ground or at a location less than 5 feet above the ground or at any other location or in any other manner that regularly attracts wild animals.

C. The provisions of Section 411.03 shall not apply to the following:

- 1. Persons maintaining incidental living food sources such as fruit trees and other live vegetation
- 2. Persons feeding common small backyard birds using self-enclosed feeding devices or containers at least 5 feet above the ground.
- 3. Employees or agents of the City, County, State, the Federal government or veterinarians who in the course of their official duties have wild animals in their custody or under their

management.

4, Persons caring for animals at the Roseville Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

5. Persons bringing wildlife into Roseville for educational purposes.

D. Violation of this ordinance provision will be subject to an administrative fine of \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for a second violation, and \$300 for each subsequent violation within a 24-month period. This section does not prohibit, prevent, or bar any other applicable remedies available at law for any conduct described in Section 411.03 including, but not limited to, nuisance abatement, civil injunction or criminal prosecution.

E. The Community Development Department is authorized to implement and enforce the provisions of 411.03. The Community Development Director shall promulgate rules, regulations, and/or policies consistent with all provisions herein.

F. Any person or persons against whom an administrative fine is imposed under Section 411.05 may appeal such administrative penalty pursuant to Chapter 102 of City Code.

411.04: DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

A. The City shall develop and maintain a deer management program to manage the number of deer that may be adequately supported by suitable habitat within the City of Roseville. At a minimum, the deer management plan shall contain the following:

1. A bi-annual deer population count, as weather permits, using methodology endorsed or utilized by Ramsey County.

2. Determination of the amount of suitable deer habitat utilizing Minnesota Department of Natural Resources information and resources.

3. Tracking of the location of vehicle/deer accidents.

4. Provision of education to residents on the best management practices for coexisting with the deer population.

5. Annual reports to the City Council on the deer management program.

B. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Code, for purposes of managing the deer population in accordance with the adopted deer management program, deer hunts may from time to time be approved by the City Council, including the timing, location, method, and safety precautions, among other provisions, for such hunts.

411.05 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 2:Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Signatures as follows on separate page:

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CITY OF ROSEVILLE

BY: _____
Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager

City of Roseville
Deer Population Management Program and Policy

Purpose of Policy:

Based on the City of Roseville's desire to balance the need for urban services with the protection and management of our natural surroundings, the city hereby authorizes its deer management program. The program is intended to maintain deer as an asset to the community; prevent starvation and disease from overpopulation of deer; reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents involving deer; and preserve and protect the land of property owners;

Scope

City staff will administer a program of deer management within the parameters established by this policy.

Deer Population Count

Bi-annually, an estimate of the deer population will be made using methodology endorsed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and conducted by Ramsey County. This information will also be shared with the DNR.

Suitable Deer Habitat

The amount of suitable deer habitat within Roseville will be determined by staff and updated periodically based on development trends. Suitable habitat within Roseville includes city-owned open space, private open space, wetlands (excluding water bodies), flood plains, and any other undeveloped land. Minnesota DNR wildlife specialists establish an upper limit on the number of deer that can be supported per square mile of suitable habitat.

Removal of Deer

The city may from time to time conduct a hunt in order to remove a portion of the deer within Roseville. The City Council may order a hunt at their discretion after reviewing the most recent deer population counts and amount of suitable deer habitat within Roseville. Deer may be removed through the use of an archery hunt.

The city must comply with DNR regulations regarding the removal of deer. This includes receiving any applicable permits and removing deer during periods authorized by the DNR. Removal methods must be approved by the DNR and must ensure the highest degree of safety to residents.

Vehicle/Deer Accidents

Staff will review the locations of vehicle/deer accidents and take reasonable steps to improve the safety of these areas when possible and feasible.

Educating Residents

The city will provide education to residents on the best management practices for coexisting with the deer population. Other community education efforts will be undertaken to inform residents about the deer management program.

Annual Report to City Council

Annually, city staff will provide the city council with a report on the status of the deer management program.

Approved by Roseville City Council: _____