

## **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. -

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, including information about other deer hunts conducted within Ramsey County.