

City of Pella
Deer Reduction Program
Rules & Regulations

- The purpose of this program is to SAFELY reduce the deer population within the City of Pella. The City of Pella believes the white-tailed deer is a valuable part of our natural heritage. We support the perpetuation of the deer population within City limits at socially acceptable levels, which we believe is approximately 20 deer per square mile within the City limits.
- Each hunter must obtain a Deer Management Zone License to be eligible to hunt in the geographical locations of this program, as identified in Exhibit "1". In addition, to be eligible to hunt inside Pella City limits, a City of Pella hunting permit must be obtained.
- All hunters must agree to abide by the following rules and regulations. Non-compliance with these rules is a violation of the Pella City Code.
- Each hunter must pass a one time National Bow Hunter educational course and an annual shooting proficiency test, which consists of eight (8) out of (10) shots at an 8-inch target, twenty yards away. Proof of the completed tests must be presented to obtain the necessary licenses and permits to be eligible for this program. Testing will be provided by the Hickory Ridge Bow Hunters Club and Buck Hollow Sports.
- The hunter agrees to comply with all Iowa DNR rules covering bow hunting of deer.
- Safety is our foremost concern. Hunters must ensure that all shots are made carefully and safely.
- The hunter agrees to maintain a minimum distance of 150 feet from any occupied buildings or persons in the area, 75 feet from any unoccupied buildings, unless permission is granted from a property owner, and 75 feet from any street or trail. Hunters may hunt the property lines but may not shoot across the property line without permission of the adjoining property owner.
- To maximize safety, hunters are encouraged to take shots of twenty-five yards (25 yds) or less. All shots are required to be from a minimum ten foot elevated position.
- The hunter **must** report to the City the following: date, time, and place of deer harvested, number of arrows shot, and any complaints received from citizens or landowners.
- Deer are to be checked in at the City of Pella Police Station. In order to ensure the availability of personnel, please call the following number before coming to the station: 641-628-4921.
- Only portable tree stands may be used on City property as permanent tree stands are not

allowed. In addition, it is illegal to place any nail, spike, pin, or any other metal object into a tree on City property to construct a blind or to provide hunting access to a location above ground. Furthermore, portable tree stands may not be left on City property unattended.

- Hunters must obtain permission from property owners before hunting on private land. Anyone hunting on private property without permission is trespassing and subject to criminal charges.
- Hunters on private property must abide by the rules of the property owner, in addition to the Iowa DNR rules.
- Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one –half hour after sunset.
- Field dressing inside the City limits is not allowed.
- Deer must be covered or enclosed when transporting. Any problems with locating shot deer should be reported to the Pella Police Department at 641-628-4921.
- No baiting, driving, or stalking of deer is allowed.
- The dates for hunting will coincide with the DNR's Special Hunt Season.
- Violation of these rules may result in the revocation of the permit or criminal charges.
- Any problems or questions should be directed to the Pella Police Department at 641-628-4921.

Arrow Markings

- Each registered hunter is required to initial each arrow with a permanent marker in a color that can be seen. The initials will be used for purposes of tracking the ownership of un-recovered deer and investigating any complaints.

City Property Available for Hunting Includes:

- Hunters **must** locate their stands a safe distance from any playground equipment and away from trails and the entrance drive. Hunters must be alert for adults/children in the park. In addition, only three City permits will be issued for hunting in Big Rock Park at any one time. Each permit will be valid for up to two weeks and will be issued in accordance with the rules and regulations of this program.

Pella Deer Management Zone (Hunter Incentive Program)

As a means to encourage doe harvest within this zone, one any-sex deer license may be issued for this zone. The issuance of this license will be based on a minimum combined harvest within the city zone of 10 female deer. Any hunter successfully harvesting a female deer will be allowed to put his name in the drawing once for each doe harvested. The drawing for this license will follow the 2008-09 hunting season and will be valid within this zone for the 2009-10 hunting season. Consequently, does harvested during the 2009-10 deer season will be used to determine the potential winner of the 2010-11 any-sex deer license.

Future modifications to this formula may take place as needed.

While button bucks or other male deer may be legally taken with these licenses, they will not be considered for the any-sex deer license drawing.