

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH – 2010 DEER BOW HUNT
INSTRUCTIONS TO BOW HUNTERS:**

1. Attached is a copy of the City's Ordinance regarding the deer bow hunt for your information. There was only one change made in 2009, and that change was the phrase "places of worship" was changed to "religious institutions" which affect subd. 2b.
2. A map of the zone authorized for hunting by the City Ordinance is on the back of the application form.
3. Please be advised that you **MUST** contact the landowners personally and receive their signature as permission. PLEASE do not telephone them in advance. If landowners have a sign up stating NO DEER HUNTERS -- you are not allowed to approach them for permission. **Violations of this request will result in permits not being issued.**
4. The City Ordinance calls for hunting on parcels of a minimum of 10 acres is required for hunting. As in previous years, we are classifying ADJACENT property which is a minimum of 5 acres to combine as a qualifying parcel. **YOU MUST HAVE AGREEMENT FROM ALL LANDOWNERS.** An example of this would be two adjacent 5 acre landowners can combine to form one ten acre parcel for hunting as long as you have signatures from both landowners.
5. You must complete an application form for a bow hunting permit in the City of Plymouth. Please complete and bring the following items to the Police Department to receive your 2010 permit.
 - a. A complete application for permit form, which **MUST** include an authorized signature by an eligible landowner. A hunter can be authorized to hunt more than one parcel. **THIS WOULD NOT REQUIRE ANOTHER PERMIT.** You **DO** need authorized signatures from all landowners and all locations **MUST** be logged with the City. (If you add a parcel after you obtain your permit, simply call or stop in with the information.)
 - b. A copy of the map with the location (approximate) of the land to be hunted marked.
 - c. Application fee of \$10.
 - d. Your State of Minnesota bow hunting permit.
6. Attached is a sheet entitled, "RULES OF THE PLYMOUTH DEER BOW HUNT." Please be advised that breaking ANY of these rules are grounds for revocation of your permit to hunt within Plymouth.
7. After the hunt, you are **required** to fill out the result information card and return to the City or telephone your results in to Administrative Services Manager, Barb Cox at (763) 509-5165. **Results MUST be forwarded even if you were unsuccessful. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in your ineligibility for the 2011 Bow Hunting season.**

If you have any questions, please call Administrative Services Manager, Barb Cox at (763) 509-5165 or Community Services Supervisor, Jim Long at (763) 509-5135.

RULES OF THE PLYMOUTH DEER BOW HUNT

1. Bow hunters **MUST** have both a State DNR issued bow hunting license **AND** a Plymouth permit. Hunters are obligated to follow DNR rules, as well as those of the City of Plymouth. Licenses are for **BOW HUNTING ONLY** and no other weapons can be used.
2. The Plymouth license consists of two parts. One is to be left visible in their vehicle, so officers are aware that parked vehicles belong to authorized hunters. The other portion of the license is to be carried by the hunter whenever hunting.
3. The Plymouth license contains a brief description of the property on which the hunter is authorized to be hunting. The Police Department retains a file of approved applications which **MUST** include a map indicating the area they are allowed to hunt. Plymouth licenses are to individual hunters and some hunters have permission to hunt on more than one parcel. This is allowed with one City permit as long as they have written permission of all landowners involved and have registered all locations with the City.
4. Landowners can erect any type of sign indicating **NO HUNTERS ALLOWED**. This sign **ONLY** Directs hunters they cannot bother these landowners to seek permission to use their land. The landowners can still authorize family or friends to hunt on the property if they wish. If we get a complaint of hunters bothering landowners who do not wish hunters and a sign is in place, the hunter will **NOT** receive a permit to hunt anywhere within Plymouth.
5. When erecting a deer stand on any property, it cannot be within 100 feet of any property boundary without the written permission of the adjoining property owner. Any damage to adjoining property is reason for revocation of the hunting permit.
6. The hunt within Plymouth differs from outlying areas within the state in that hunters must have specific written permission to be hunting on any land within the City. If the hunter hits a deer, but the deer leaves the authorized land before falling and the hunter wishes to track the deer on another property, **HE MUST RECEIVE LANDOWNER PERMISSION**. The hunter may not take his weapon onto the property with him **AND** he may not take down fences or drive a vehicle onto the property without express permission. The hunter is also responsible for any damages to the property incurred.

For questions or further information call Administrative Services Manager, Barb Cox at (763) 509-5165 or Community Services Supervisor, Jim Long at (763) 509-5135



930.09. Subdivision 1. Bow Deer Hunting Season. Persons may hunt deer by means of bow and arrow in the City of Plymouth during regular Minnesota State bow and arrow deer hunting season if they hold a valid Minnesota bow and arrow deer hunting license and a valid Plymouth City deer bow hunting permit.

Subd. 2. Permits.

- (a) Bow deer hunting permits shall only be issued to hunt deer on private property.
- (b) No City permit shall be issued to hunt deer on any parcel of land that is less than 10 acres in size and such hunting may take place only on property which is located North of a line drawn East along Medina Road to Dunkirk Lane, North on Dunkirk Lane to Highway 55, East on Highway 55 to Vicksburg Lane then North on Vicksburg Lane to the railroad tracks (approximately 53rd Avenue), East along the railroad tracks to I-494 then North on I-494 to the northern border of the City or in that portion of Pike Eagle Lake Park which is located in the City of Plymouth North of Bass Lake Road between Zachary Lane and Highway 169. No permit shall be issued to hunt deer within 300 feet of any dwelling, place of business, school, religious institution or other structure likely to be occupied by people. (Ord. 2009-08, 5/12/2009)
- (c) No City permit shall be issued unless the application provides proof in the form of written authority from the owner of the land that permission has been granted to hunt on the property. A landowner can impose any restrictions or requirements they wish on the granting of permission to hunt, including regulating the dates or times the permit is valid; provided, however, no restriction shall be in conflict with State law or any City Ordinance, and applicant shall follow said restriction or requirement.
- (d) Bow hunting permits issued pursuant to this section are valid only when all the requirements of the Plymouth City Code and the Minnesota hunting regulations are complied with.
- (e) A bow hunting permit issued under this section is valid only for hunting on the property of the landowner who has granted permission under this section. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to know the boundaries of the land on which they are authorized to hunt.

Subd. 3. Proof of Permission. The proof of written permission from a landowner shall be on a form provided by the City. The form shall state:

1. The full name, date of birth and address of the applicant.
2. The name, address and phone number of the property owner.
3. A description of the property on which the deer hunting is to be allowed.
4. Any restrictions on the use of the property for hunting deer.
5. Any other information the City Manager determines is relevant.

Subd. 4. Revocation. A permit issued under this section is subject to suspension or revocation for a violation of any of the requirements of this section or for any of the reasons set forth in Section 1005.21 of the City Code.

- (a) Notice. A permit holder shall be notified by certified mail at the address listed on his/her bow deer hunting permit application of the City's intent to revoke their bow deer hunting permit, and their right to a hearing within ten days before the City Manager for a determination as to whether or not a violation of this section occurred. If the permit holder does not request such a hearing within ten days, the City Manager shall make such order as he deems proper.
- (b) Hearing. If the permit holder requests a hearing for a determination as to whether the permit should be revoked, such hearing shall be held at a date no more than two weeks after the demand for such hearing. Any records or reports from the police department, animal control officers, or officers of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources shall be admissible without further foundation.

After considering all the evidence, the City Manager shall determine whether or not to revoke the permittee's bow hunting permit.

- (c) Ineligibility. Any person who has had their bow deer hunting permit revoked pursuant to this section is ineligible to obtain a bow deer hunting permit for the next hunting season.

Subd. 5. Authorization for Bow Deer Hunting Seasons. Each year, on or before August 1, the City Manager shall determine and report to the Council if the public safety and conservation interests of the City justify allowing a bow deer hunting season in the City the upcoming season. The City Council will then make a determination whether the City Manager is authorized to issue permits for the upcoming season.

Subd. 6. Survey. The City Manager is authorized to prepare a survey card to be distributed to all permit holders to determine the number of deer taken, the location the deer were taken, the sex of the deer taken and any other information the City Manager feels is relevant to make informed decisions on the management of the deer population in Plymouth. Failure to return the survey card shall be grounds to deny a bow hunting permit for the next season.

Subd. 7. Permit Fees. The City Clerk shall charge an administrative fee for processing the application and issuing the permit authorized by this section as provided for in Section 1015.19 of the City Code.

Subd. 8. Violations. Violation of any of the terms of a permit issued under this Section is a Misdemeanor.

930.11. Civil/Criminal Liability. Nothing in this Section shall authorize the use of any firearms, air rifle, pellet gun, crossbow, bow, or other weapon in a manner which will endanger any human being or property, and no license or permit granted hereunder shall in any way relieve the person acting thereunder from civil liability for any damage resulting from such use. Violation of Subsection 930.01 shall be a Misdemeanor and is punishable in accordance with Section 2000.01 of this City Code. (Ord. 95-49, 10/24/95)