



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 6/16/2026
Agenda Section: Consent
Agenda

Department Police
Origination:

Agenda Item: Adopt Ordinance 2026-006 – Approving Amendments to the Hunting Regulations and the Discharge of Firearms Ordinance

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

The City of Baxter's current Deer Hunting Ordinance (Section 5-1-4) provides detailed regulations for hunting within city limits, including weapon types, designated areas, and permitting.

There are three proposed amendments to the hunting ordinance that includes adding and deleting language in the "Lawful Use" and "Archery Regulations" section.

The Lawful Use and Archery Regulation sections define the lawful use of firearms and bow and arrow within the city.

The first proposed amendment is to include language regarding wild turkey hunting. Hunting of wild turkey's has always been allowed within the city limits however the police department receives calls each year regarding if wild turkey hunting is allowed as it is not clearly defined in the ordinance. Under state statute, the hunting of wild turkeys requires a separate hunting license. The proposed amendment language would add that the use of a shotgun or a muzzleloader for hunting wild turkey is allowed in areas already designated for shotgun and muzzleloader hunting.

The second proposed amendment removes the wording of having a big game license in the subsection of "Small Game" which is listed under the "Lawful Use" section.

The last proposed amendment is to add wording regarding big game and wild turkey license to the "Archery Regulations" section.

A complete redlined copy of the proposed amendments listed above along with minor spelling and letter formatting changes is attached for review.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends Adopting Ordinance 2026-006. Approving Amendments to the Hunting Regulations and the Discharge of Firearms Ordinance

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2026-006, Approving Amendments to the Hunting Regulations and the Discharge of Firearms Ordinance