



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 9/2/2025
Agenda Section: Consent
Agenda

Department Police
Origination:

Agenda Item: Approve Ordinance 2025-010 – Approving Amendments to the Deer Hunting 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. However, there is a regulatory gap in the ordinance regarding the use, placement, or removal of hunting stands on city property. The current ordinance also does not address permanent hunting stands on City Property.

The proposed amendments to the ordinance define hunting stands, prohibits permanent stands, and provides clear rules for hunters regarding the use of hunting stands on City Property. The amendments also allow the City to address hunting stands that are left on City property. Hunting stands left on City property more than 7 days after the hunting season would be considered abandoned property and would give the City of Baxter the authority to remove and dispose of the abandoned property pursuant to applicable Minnesota Statutes and City Policy.

The proposed amendments are almost identical language to the Crow Wing County Hunting Stand Ordinance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposed amendment has no direct financial implications for the City of Baxter. Any potential costs associated with the removal of abandoned property would be minimal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends Adopting Ordinance 2025-010. Approving amendments to the Hunting Ordinance.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2025-010, approving amendments to the Hunting Ordinance.