

**Resolution No: 21-3442**

**Introduced By: Alderman Kleinschmidt**

**RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION FOR PERMISSION TO HOST A MANAGED ARCHERY DEER HUNT IN MISSOURI CONSERVATION AREAS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF DES PERES KNOWN AS PHANTOM FOREST AND BITTERSWEET WOODS DURING THE 2021 ARCHERY SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, each year the Missouri Department of Conservation (hereinafter referred to as the "MDC") conducts over 100 managed hunts throughout the State targeting overabundant whitetail deer populations with the goal of mitigating public nuisances including property damage, vehicle collisions, personal safety, degraded habitat quality, and threat of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods jointly represent 33 total acres of dedicated conservation space in which the State of Missouri retains ownership for the two properties while the City of Des Peres provides local maintenance under the Urban Wild Acres Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Peres requested and MDC approved a managed archery deer hunt in two conservation areas located in Des Peres (Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods) for a single week during the 2020 archery deer season resulting in the successful harvest of three (3) deer from the conservation areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Peres continues to experience a disproportionately high number of incidents involving deer in the residential areas west of Interstate 270 where concentrated woodlands and large tracts of land offer suitable habitats for deer populations to survive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Peres wishes to submit an application to the Missouri Department of Conservation requesting that that a managed archery hunt be conducted within the conservation areas known as Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods and that said hunt be scheduled during the archery hunting season in fall 2021 and/or winter 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri law provides that managed hunts be conducted exclusively by the Missouri Department of Conservation in which the State assumes full control over the size, scope, and duration of the hunt including the selection of hunters who are chosen at random using a statewide lottery system; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DES PERES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT**, the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to submit a request to the the Missouri Department of Conservation on behalf of the City that the MDC host a managed archery hunt targeting whitetail deer within the boundaries of Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods Conservation Areas in the fall of 2021 and/or winter of 2022.

This Resolution passed and approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
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Mark Becker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Amanda Hurley, City Clerk



**Resolution No: 20-3360**

**Introduced By: Alderman Kleinschmidt**

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**WHEREAS**, each year the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) conducts over 100 managed hunts throughout the State targeting overabundant whitetail deer populations with the goal of mitigating public nuisances including property damage, vehicle collisions, personal safety, degraded habitat quality, and threat of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Peres continues to experience a disproportionately high number of incidents involving deer in the residential areas west of Interstate 270 where concentrated woodlands and large tracts of land offer suitable habitats for deer populations to survive; and

**WHEREAS**, Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods jointly represent 33 total acres of dedicated conservation space in which the State of Missouri retains ownership for the two properties while the City of Des Peres provides local maintenance under the Urban Wild Acres Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Peres has retained White Buffalo Inc. since 2016 to conduct population surveys with the goal of measuring the approximate size and locations of deer herds and that those findings have consistently shown a high concentration of deer in locations with proximity to Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Peres wishes to submit an application to the Missouri Department of Conservation requesting that that a managed archery hunt be conducted within the conservation areas known as Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods and that said hunt be scheduled for fall of 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri law provides that managed hunts be conducted exclusively by the Missouri Department of Conservation in which the State assumes full control over the size, scope, and duration of the hunt including the selection of hunters who are chosen at random using a statewide lottery system; and

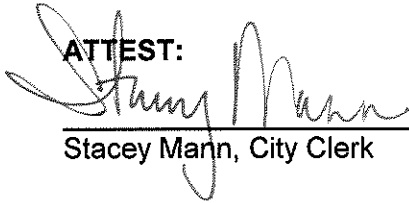
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DES PERES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT**, the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to submit a request to the

the Missouri Department of Conservation that they host a managed archery hunt targeting whitetail deer within the boundaries of Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods in the fall of 2020; and

This Resolution passed and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

  
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Mark Becker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
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Stacey Mann, City Clerk