

APPENDIX D



THE CITY OF OXFORD

The City of Oxford Deer Management Program

2010 GENERAL RULES

SAFETY STATEMENT

Hunting within the boundaries of the City of Oxford is a privilege granted by the City of Oxford Mayor and Board of Alderman. The City of Oxford conducts these hunts in an effort to scientifically manage wildlife populations within the city limits, and in an effort to preserve a balanced ecosystem while providing viewing opportunities for the citizens and general public. The current and future success of these hunts depends on the ethical and safe conduct of all individuals who participate in this program. If this program is to be a success and continue, each individual involved in the program must make their safety, and the safety of the public, as the first and foremost priority.

City of Oxford Controlled Hunts will be authorized under an Animal Control Permit issued by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) after the City of Oxford applies for and receives said permit.

All individuals taking part in controlled hunts will use only archery equipment and will be issued tags for deer. Said hunts within the City of Oxford must follow MDWFP and City of Oxford rules and regulations up to and including:

1. Licensing, Permits, and Testing
 - a. Individuals must sign and return the complete application form, including the participant acknowledgement document.
 - b. Applicant must have a current resident Sportsman's License or All Game Hunting/Freshwater Fishing License and Archery/Primitive Weapon License. If using a crossbow a General or Special Crossbow license is needed in addition to the above. Proof of full time residency within the City of Oxford or Lafayette County must also be provided.

- c. Applicant must have an understanding of the General Rules and Shooting Safely and Ethically documents. These documents will be included with the application form.
 - d. Individual must pass the bowhunter exam with a score of 100 out of 100 points, and the bowhunter proficiency test with a score of 80 out of 100 points.
 - e. Individual must have been granted a City of Oxford Controlled Hunt Permit.
 - f. Individual must check in all harvested deer and complete a Harvest Report Form for each deer harvested.
 - g. Individual must prepare each animal taken for processing, which includes the removal of the organs, hooves, hide, and head.
 - h. Individual will be assigned a specified hunting area. Any individual hunting in any area other than the specified hunting area will be immediately removed from the program.
 - i. Any violation of the set rules and regulations of the program will result in the individual being immediately removed from the harvest program, and will prevent any future participation by the said individual.
 - j. Individual must be a minimum of 30 years of age to apply for and participate in the harvest program. Full time City of Oxford employees that are less than 30 years of age may apply and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
 - k. Individual will pay a twenty dollar (\$20.00) application and testing fee.
 - l. Individual will pay an eighty dollar (\$80.00) permit fee if chosen to participate in the harvest program.
 - m. Individuals will be ranked according to the score obtained on the proficiency test, with the highest scoring applicants receiving permits first, then lower scoring applicants receiving permits, if available.
2. While participating in the harvest, individuals must have on their person:
- a. Current MDWFP license
 - b. Current City of Oxford harvest permit
 - c. Harvest location card
 - d. A valid photo I.D. (Drivers License, Military I.D., or state issued I.D.)

- A. While accessing Private Lands, the individual must:
 - a. Have made face to face contact with the property owner prior to any harvest activity.
 - b. Park and enter lands through said owner's access points such as driveways, sidewalks, and gates.
 - c. Not park on the side of highways and roads in view of the general public.
- B. Individuals accessing Public Lands:
 - a. Must use designated parking areas.
 - b. Must have knowledge of the public land extent.
 - c. Must remain in the designated assigned area.
- 4. All hunters participating in the deer harvest program will be assigned a specified property to hunt. The hunter and the property owner are required to meet **before** the hunting period begins to become familiar with each other. Any individual not on their assigned property and taking part in harvest activities will be immediately removed from the program. No exchanges of areas between hunters will be allowed.
- 5. If any property area has been hunted down and no deer are available for harvest, that specific hunter will be assigned a new harvest property if one is available.
- 6. While participating in the City of Oxford harvest program, all bows are required to be cased while traveling from the vehicle to the stand and vice versa.
- 7. Before leaving an assigned area to retrieve a deer or arrow, the individual must obtain permission from the land owner.
- 8. Tree/Elevated Stands:
 - A. All hunting must be performed from an elevated position to allow for a downward angle shot.
 - B. All stands and blinds must be portable.
 - C. No screw-in steps, nails, or screws for climbing can be driven into trees.
 - D. All stands and blinds will be tagged with the hunter's name.
 - E. All stands and blinds must be removed 48 hours after the permitted hunt ends.
 - F. The City of Oxford is not responsible for unattended stands and blinds.

- G. The City of Oxford reserves the right to regulate where stands are placed and shooting direction.
 - H. Shots shall not exceed 25 yards, and must be oriented away from maintained roads and structures.
 - I. All safety precautions must be observed and followed at all times.
 - J. While climbing a tree, installing a tree stand that uses climbing aids, or while hunting from a tree stand hunters must use a full body harness fall-arrest system that is manufactured to Tree stand Manufacturers Association standards.
9. Deer drives are strictly prohibited. The definition of a deer drive is: the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make animals more susceptible to harvest.
 10. Hunting dates and hours will be determined by the MDWFP and the City of Oxford.
 11. Hunters will be aware of downrange areas and think safety first at all times.
 12. Shots should be limited to 25 yards in distance. All shots shall be oriented away from all roads, buildings, and structures.
 13. Shots are not allowed across property lines, unless both properties are in the individual's assigned area.
 14. All harvested animals will be removed from the harvest area covered and enclosed in a game bag or tarp that will prevent view from the general public.
 15. All harvested animals must be transported covered or enclosed in a manner as not to be seen by the general public.
 16. Meat harvested may be retained for personal use or prepared for processing so the meat can be donated to the local pantry.
 17. Hunters' harvest is limited to the sex quota listed within the MDWFP animal control permit.
 - a. All deer must be tagged only with a City of Oxford issued permit tag.
 - b. All deer harvested must be registered at the check-in station.
 - c. All deer harvested must have a completed harvest form submitted.
 - d. An antlered deer (buck) may be harvested only after three (3) antlerless deer have been harvested and registered by a hunter.

18. **No hunting or harvesting of deer, even under the Animal Control Permit, will be allowed over baited areas.**
19. Hunters must fill out a deer harvest form during the check-in procedure at the check-in station. Hunters who do not complete the form will be removed from the program immediately and not be allowed to participate in future programs.
20. **Hunters shall avoid and remove themselves from any harassing situation and immediately report said confrontation to the proper City of Oxford authority.**
21. While participating in the City of Oxford deer harvest, individuals should call the proper authorities pertaining to jurisdictional issues listed below:

For Game Violations: MDWFP

For Hunter Harassment: City of Oxford Deer Management Program Coordinator

For trespassing, destruction of property, vandalism, etc.: Oxford Police Department
22. The City of Oxford reserves the right to end the harvest season at its discretion at any time during the allocated season.
23. The City of Oxford reserves the right to revoke and suspend any individual who does not comply with the rules and regulations of this harvest program.
24. The City of Oxford reserves the right to reject or deny any application for the deer harvest program.
25. This harvest program is not a city wide unlimited hunt. All private properties utilized in this program are considered as "Opt-In Only". For a home or property owner to be included in this program, the owner must apply to the City of Oxford for approval into the program. No property owner will be allowed to conduct any harvest program activities on any property that has not been approved by the City of Oxford Deer Management Coordinator.
26. All of the rights of property owners as allowed by law will be observed, including owners that do not participate in the harvest program.