

ORDINANCE NO. 1534

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1068 OF THE CITY OF HOPE, ARKANSAS AS CODIFIED IN SECTION 18-58 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOPE. ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City of Hope, Arkansas has determined that there has been an increase in the deer population within the corporate limits of the City, which increased deer population has created problems which threaten the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Hope; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City of Hope, Arkansas has determined that amending the ordinance prohibiting hunting of deer within the corporate limits of the City of Hope to allow the hunting of deer by use of archery or crossbow weapons will protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Hope, Arkansas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the City of, Hope.

SECTION 1: Ordinance No. 1068 of the City of Hope, Arkansas as codified in Section 18-58, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hope, Arkansas shall be amended to include the following provisions:

The hunting of deer with longbows, recurve bows, compound bows or cross bows inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope, Arkansas shall be allowed during that period of time authorized by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for an archery season subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(1) Who May Hunt:

- (a) The hunter must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid Arkansas Sportsman Hunting License.
- (b) The hunter must possess a valid Urban Bow Hunting Permit issued by the City of Hope. This permit may be obtained at Hope City Hall, 206 West Avenue A, Hope, Arkansas, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- (c) In order to be issued the Urban Bow Hunting Permit, the hunter must designate the area inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope where the hunter will hunt and must show written permission of the owner of the land the hunter designates as the area of the intended hunt.

(2) Where/How the Hunter May Hunt:

- (a) No hunting inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope will be allowed or authorized within 50 yards of residences, houses, public trails, golf courses, parks, utility installations or paved roads.
- (b) The City of Hope may identify areas on a map of the City where it is permissible to bow hunt with the written permission of the private property owner. If the City identifies such areas, these will be for information purposes only.
- (c) Archery hunting only. Only longbows, recurve bows or compound bows of at least 40 pounds draw weight and crossbows of at least 125 pounds draw weight may be used to hunt deer inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope. Broadheads must be used and must be at least 7/8th of an inch in size.
- (d) Hunters may hunt only from stands elevated at least ten (10) feet off the ground. Hunting while walking, stalking or from ground blinds is prohibited. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

(3) General Rules of the Hunt:

- (a) Except as modified by this ordinance, all Arkansas Game and Fish rules and regulations, including bag limits, will apply.
- (b) Each deer harvested inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope must be checked at the City of Hope Fire Station No. 1, 308 East 2nd Street, Hope, Arkansas.
- (c) The first deer harvested inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope by each permitted hunter must be a doe.
- (d) Permitted hunters are encouraged to donate some of the deer harvested inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope to Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry or other charitable non-profit organization that assist the hungry or homeless.
- (e) If at all possible, deer harvested inside the corporate limits of the City of Hope should be removed during daylight hours.

SECTION 2: A violation of any condition contained in this ordinance, not otherwise covered by Arkansas Game & Fish rules and regulations, shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, punishable by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Any archery equipment, or other hunting equipment, as well as any animal or game killed, in possession of the hunter when cited or arrested for a violation of any conditions contained in this ordinance, not otherwise covered by Arkansas Game & Fish rules and regulations, shall be seized by law enforcement for use as evidence and upon conviction shall be forfeited by the court as contraband.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: It being determined by the Board of Directors of the City of Hope, Arkansas that this ordinance is necessary for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City of Hope, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2010.

Dennis Ramsey, Mayor

Carol Almond, City Clerk