

ORDINANCE NO 9 - 2020

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING URBAN DEER HUNTING WITHIN
THE CITY OF LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HELENA-WEST ARKANSAS,
AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES:**

WHEREAS, representatives from State of Arkansas Game and Fish Commission have made two separate presentations to the Helena-West Helena City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Helena-West Helena Planning Commission has approved the measure; and

WHEREAS, after notification and publication of a public notice regarding this issue, there has been a public hearing and the matter and no objections have been raised to this issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Helena-West Helena deems it to be necessary to authorize Urban Deer Hunting within the corporate limits of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City of Helena-West Helena hereby authorizes Urban Deer Hunting within the corporate limits of the City. The City authorizes the Urban Deer Hunt according to and in compliance with the guidelines that have been recommended by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Hunters participating in the Urban Deer Hunt shall:

1. Possess a valid Arkansas (resident or nonresident) big game license if 16 years or older.
2. Be a minimum of 16 years of age.
3. Possess a valid Urban Bow hunting Tag (Tags will be issued to the city by AGFC and individual tag numbers and hunter information recorded by the city administration). Tag will be city-specific and valid only for that season.
4. Possess and display a valid vehicle dash placard issued by the city.
5. Use a longbow, recurve, or compound bow with at least a 35-pound pull and broad heads at least 7/8-inch wide (the use of mechanicals is permissible); string-locks are not permitted.

6. Hunt in designated areas, and if hunting on private property, hunters must possess written permission from the property owner.
7. Hunt at least 50 yards from any occupied dwelling unless possessing written permission from the owner.
8. Hunt at least 100 feet from the centerline of any road.
9. Attend an urban hunt orientation conducted by the city.
10. Harvest a female deer (doe) first.
11. Donate first adult deer to Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (a 501C-3 charitable organization).
12. Check their harvest to the appropriate Urban Deer Zone online at www.agfc.com, using the AGFC phone app, or by telephone within 24 hours of harvest.
13. Record their harvest confirmation number and date of harvest on the back of their vehicle dash placard.
14. Use crossbows with minimum draw weight of 125-pounds and a mechanical safety.
15. Hunt at least 50 yards from designated trails or parks.
16. Shoot from elevated deer stands.
17. Pass a shooting proficiency test.
18. Pass the International Bow hunter Education Program (IBEP).

SECTION 2-Severability:

If, for any reason, any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions thereof, which are valid, but such valid portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - Repealer:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4 – Enactment:

This shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: April 21, 2020

APPROVED: Kevin A. Smith

Kevin Smith, Mayor

ATTESTED: Sandi Ramsey

Sandi Ramsey, City Clerk