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MEDIA RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: URBAN CONTROLLED BOW HUNT SEASON ESTABLISHED

The urban controlled bow hunting season for 2024-2025 within Fort Dodge will run from September 21, 2024, to January 10, 2025. Approval for this hunting season was granted by the Fort Dodge City Council during their meeting on March 25, 2024 (Resolution 24-03-068).

Fort Dodge first joined the Deer Management Zone Program in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources last year, during the 2023-2024 season, resulting in the harvest of 43 deer.

This year's hunt within city limits will once again permit bow hunting on approved private properties, each measuring at least 200 yards by 200 yards. Only adult hunters (18+) with proven bow and arrow shot proficiency are eligible to participate.

Hunters who want to participate must:

- Complete the International Bow Hunter Safety Education Course available online at www.bowhunter-ed.com/iowa if you haven't done so previously.
- Complete an annual proficiency test. Contact Iowa Outdoor Store for more information:
 - 1597 3rd Ave NW, Fort Dodge, IA 50501
 - (515) 955-4868 (ask for Aaron)
 - <https://iowaoutdoorstore.com>
- Return the completed application and all documents **no later than 4:30 pm on Thursday, August 29, 2024.**
- Attend the **MANDATORY** informational meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, in the City Council Chambers. More information will be provided upon receipt of your application.

To download a copy of the application and other information related to the urban controlled bow hunt, please visit <https://bit.ly/urbanbowhunt>.

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