

**ORDINANCE NO. 41, 4th SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 132: DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN 132.04 (B) AND TO USE OF BOW AND ARROW SECTION 132.06 AND BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CITY CODE CHAPTER 10 AND SECTION 10.99 WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTAIN PENALTY PROVISIONS.**

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 132.04 shall be modified by removing the current 132.04 (B) and replacing it with the following:

(B) Hunting. No person shall use a gun, pistol, or firearm of any description to engage in the practice of hunting wild game including deer within city limits or on city-owned land located outside of city limits.

1. Exceptions. White tail deer may be taken by lawful means of archery within the city limits during special archery hunts as approved by the State DNR. All State DNR rules and regulations will apply to any special hunt. The City of East Grand Forks may restrict the duration and location of said hunting activities. The City may also place local restrictions on said permits and develop a lottery system for the issuance of said permits.

2. Responsible party. The East Grand Forks Police Department will be responsible for the issuance of any special permits and the monitoring of any special hunts approved by the State DNR.

Section 2. That section 132.06 Use of Bow and Arrow shall be removed, and the following shall be replaced:

**132.06 USE OF BOW AND ARROW/CROSS BOW**

(A) Bow and Arrow/Cross Bows. It is unlawful for any person to shoot a bow and arrow or crossbow within the city limits of the city, except in a school physical education program supervised by a member of its faculty, or a community wide-supervised class or an event specifically authorized by the City Council or a bow and arrow/crossbow or archery range authorized by the City Council.

(B) Deer stands and similar devices:

1. Generally deer stands and other similar devices which may be used in the taking of wild game including deer are prohibited within the city limits or on city owned property that is outside of city limits.

2. Exceptions. Individuals approved to participate in a special archery hunt approved by the State DNR may use deer stands and similar devices that comply with local restrictions.

3. Special hunt will have following regulations will be in place:

a. All hunters will have to attend the mandatory orientation put on by the city and demonstrate their proficiency in shooting archery.

b. Only those with permits issued by the City will be allowed to hunt on city property within city limits. No hunting is allowed on city property outside of city limits

c. Only specific, designated areas can be used for the special hunt.

d. All hunters will be required to wear one piece of blaze orange that will be visible from all directions.

e. An ATV or UTV can be utilized to remove a deer from the designated hunting location and a permit will be issued for use when the permit for hunting is issued.

f. All deer harvested from city property will be reported to both the East Grand Forks Police Department and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

g. Any hunters found hunting on city property within city limits or on city property located outside of city limits without a permit from the City will be subject to City Code Section 10.99 General Penalty.

Section 3. City Code Chapter 10 entitled "General Provisions" applicable to entire city code including penalty for violation and Section 10.99 entitled "General Penalty" are hereby adopted in their entirety, by reference, as though repeated verbatim herein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication and be given the Number 41, 4th Series.

*Voting Aye: Pokrzywinski, Riopelle, Olstad, Larson, and Peterson.*

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: Helms and Vetter.*

ATTEST:

PASSED:

June 18, 2024

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City Administrator

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President of Council

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Mayor