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ITEM NO. 8C

Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Lindy Crawford, City Administrator
Date: June 9, 2015
Re: Deer Feeding – Ordinance Draft

At the May 26, 2015 Council meeting staff was directed to format the language from the City of Shorewood's ordinance language relating to the prohibition on feeding deer into the Tonka Bay ordinance format.

Attached is a draft ordinance for review.

Council Action Requested

For review and discussion of further action.

SECTION 742 PROHIBITION ON FEEDING DEER

742.01 PURPOSE.

It is hereby determined that an increasing population of deer within the city poses a threat to public safety by increasing the likelihood of deer-vehicle collisions, and the transmission of diseases to humans from deer; poses a threat to native plant and animal life by excessive foraging which disturbs natural ecological balances; and poses a threat to the quality of life by deer-related damage to landscaping and vegetable gardens. This Section is intended to reduce these threats by restricting supplemental feeding of deer, which results in unnatural concentrations of deer and can affect the normal movement of deer within the community. It is not the intent of this Chapter to regulate the recreational feeding of birds.

742.02 PROHIBITION ON SUPPLEMENTAL DEER FEEDING

Prohibition: No resident may place or permit to be placed on the ground, or within five (5) feet of the ground surface any grain, fodder, salt licks, fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds, hay or other edible materials which may reasonably be expected to intentionally result in deer feeding, unless such items are screened or protected in a manner that prevents deer from feeding on them. Living fruit trees and other live vegetation shall not be considered as supplemental deer feeding.

742.03 EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS.

The prohibition described in Section 742.02 above shall not apply to:

Subd. 1. Veterinarians, city animal control officials or county, state or federal game officials who are in the course of their duties and have deer in their custody or under their management;

Subd. 2. Persons authorized by the City of Tonka Bay to implement the Deer Management Program approved by the City Council; or

Subd. 3. Any food placed upon the property for purposes of trapping or otherwise taking deer where such trapping or taking is pursuant to a permit issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.