

APPLICATION FOR AN ARCHERY PERMIT TO HUNT WITHIN THE CITY OF BEMIDJI (AIRPORT, WARD 4 – WEST BEMIDJI AREAS, AND WARD 5 - NE LAKE BEMIDJI AREA)



All hunters are required to pay a **\$10.00 non-refundable application fee per location**, pass a criminal background check and archery proficiency test. A lottery drawing may be required prior to being granted a permit. Applications must be submitted to Bemidji City Hall, 317 4th Street NW, Bemidji, no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstance.**

Instructions: If hunting a Public Location, hunters must indicate an order of preference (Airport, Ward 4 or Ward 5) in the **Public Location** box. Hunters will be granted a permit for **ONE** public site. If hunting a private location complete the **Private Location** box. Hunters may apply to hunt Private, Public or both for a fee of \$10 each. Hunting partner requests will be honored if possible however, **public sites will be assigned randomly and requests will not be allowed.** To hunt on authorized private land, hunters must either own the land or be granted permission from land owner. Questions? Contact Rachelle Barckholtz at rachelle.barckholtz@ci.bemidji.mn.us or 218-759-3575.

Public Location Airport – Ward 4 – Ward 5
First Choice _____
Second Choice _____
Third Choice _____

Private Location
I will be hunting Ward _____ private site # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the owner
<input type="checkbox"/> I have the owner's permission (list owner name) _____

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
First
Full Middle
Last

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
 (If provided, we will use your e-mail address for all correspondence, reminders and notices)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) DRIVER'S LIC. # _____ STATE _____

MAIDEN NAME (or other names you've used) _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

I hereby authorize the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Bemidji Police Department and/or any other person or agency that may have information about me to disclose any criminal history records/reports or investigative information about me to the City of Bemidji and its authorized agent for the purpose of substantiating my character and competency for an archery permit to hunt on public or private property within the corporate limits of the City of Bemidji.

Signature of Applicant

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY
\$10 Fee Paid: Cash _____ Check # _____
BACKGROUND:
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
BY: _____ (INITIALS)

Have you passed a City-approved Archery Proficiency test within the past 3 years?

Yes: Indicate year last tested _____

No: Schedule your proficiency test by contacting: John's Bow Shop (218-444-2046), Ridge Top Outdoors (218-444-8700) or another approved facility

2024 CITY OF BEMIDJI SPECIAL ARCHERY DEER HUNT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & REGULATIONS



Thank you for your interest in the City of Bemidji Deer Management Program. In accordance with the City of Bemidji Deer Management Plan, Bemidji has developed a controlled archery hunt. The hunt will be conducted in designated areas of Bemidji (Bemidji Regional Airport, Ward 4 and Ward 5) and includes both public and private property. Following are the program description and regulations:

- All applicants must pay a **\$10.00** non-refundable application fee with their application.
- Hunts will be conducted during the regular 2024 Minnesota Archery Deer Season (September 14 – December 31, 2024). Hunting will be allowed by special permit only and participants must hunt their assigned area. Each public site in Wards 4 & 5 will be assigned two hunters who must coordinate their hunt times with each other.
- All applicants are required to have a criminal background check conducted by the Bemidji Police Department and successfully pass an archery proficiency test. Hunters who have passed an approved archery proficiency test in the last three years are not required to be tested this year. Hunters who have not passed a proficiency test must be tested and provide such documentation to the City. Hunters must schedule their own proficiency test by calling John's Bow Shop (218-444-2046), Ridgetop Outdoors (218-444-2046) or another approved facility.
- Participants must obtain a valid 2024 State Regular Archery License with the recommendation of purchasing at least one State bonus permit. Participants may take up to a maximum of five (5) deer provided they have purchased the required State license and bonus permits. Please note that **all deer** must be registered at City Hall **and** with the State. Successful hunters must indicate **PERMIT AREA 985** for **Ward 4 & Ward 5** and **PERMIT AREA 986** for the **Airport** when registering deer with the MN DNR. State registration can be done by telephone, internet or at a big game registration station (the traditional way). **Note: Statewide bag limits apply so if you harvest a buck in this hunt, you have reached your buck limit (1) Statewide.**
- Hunters who have participated in previous City of Bemidji archery hunts must re-apply each year. A lottery drawing will be held to determine which qualified applicants will receive a permit to hunt. One public permit per hunter. Hunters must indicate their first, second and third choice for location. Within Wards 4 and 5, site locations will be assign at random, site requests will not be allowed.
- Private property owners in preauthorized areas who have chosen to hunt themselves or to allow friends/family to hunt will automatically be issued permits and will not be required to be drawn from the lottery provided each hunter submits an application, clears a background check, passes a proficiency test and pays the required application fee.
- Wards 4 & 5 - Portable tree stands (supplied by the hunter) will be required on all land not owned by the hunter unless permitted otherwise by the private property owner. Stands must be bolted, clamped or tied – you may not use screw-in type tree steps or drive nails or screws into trees if hunting on public owned land or without permission from the private landowner. Discharge of bows is limited to designated hunting sites and is only allowed from elevated stands five feet or higher from the ground. A person is required to travel to and from hunting sites with bows and arrows encased. Driving or stalking deer on the ground is prohibited.

BEMIDJI REGIONAL AIRPORT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ONLY

- Portable tree stands (supplied by the hunter) must be bolted, clamped or tied – you may use screw-in type tree steps provided they are removed at the end of the hunt season. Nails are **not** permitted.
 - Removing limbs/branches from trees is permitted in order to properly and safely install a tree stand and hunters may prune saplings up to 3" to create a shooting lane. Hunters are asked to use natural shooting openings as much as possible and to minimize any pruning and impacts to the vegetation surrounding the stand location. In all cases, hunters are encouraged to perform a **minimum** amount of pruning to make as little impact on the property as possible!
 - Discharge of bows is preferred from elevated stands five feet or higher from the ground. However, ground blinds are allowed in this hunt. Participants are encouraged to travel to and from hunting sites with bows and arrows encased. Driving or stalking deer on the ground is prohibited.
- Participants are permitted to harvest only white-tailed deer in this hunt. Even though State Law may normally allow the taking of other small game such as fox, coyote and rabbit, the permit issued by the City allows the discharge of a bow to harvest only white-tailed deer.
 - Hunters must be at least 18 years of age.

- Please let the City know when you are done hunting for the season so others may be permitted to hunt. Failure to report information may lead to denial of future permits.
- Ward 4 & 5 participants must park their vehicle as near to their site as practical. Airport participants must park their vehicle along a public roadway or in designated areas; cannot drive through any hunting areas; and all **participants must have a permit card displayed in the dash of the vehicle**, visible from the outside.
- Hunters must remain on Airport and/or public property at all times and shall not trespass onto private property adjacent to Airport or other property without permission from the property owner. In the event a hunter wounds a deer and the deer travels onto other private property, the hunter may, on foot, enter the property if it is not posted for trespass to locate the animal (bows and arrows must be cased). The hunter must immediately leave the property if the property owner asks the hunter to do so. To report any issues you may contact the DNR conservation office at 1-888-646-6367.
- If the deer is located and it is found to be fatally wounded and still alive, but unable to stand, the hunter will be required to contact the Bemidji Police Department (218-333-9111) before proceeding further. The hunter will provide the authorities with the last known location and make arrangements to meet with law enforcement. The hunter will lead the officials to the injured animal and a decision will be made on appropriate recovery methods. Under no circumstances shall a hunter discharge a bow from any area other than a designated hunting stand without authorization.
- In the event a hunter encounters a negative confrontation with another hunter, property owner or another citizen, the hunter must call the Bemidji Police Department for assistance. No hunter will take part in any verbal or physical dispute. Pursuant to 2016 Minnesota Statute 97A.037, hunters are encouraged to report acts of "Hunter Harassment" to the Bemidji Police Department at 218-333-9111 or call 911 if deemed an emergency.
- All hunters are expected to be courteous of other hunters who may be hunting at the same time.
- Entrail ("gut") piles must NOT be left at the hunting site or anywhere in the City limits.
- Hunting while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or consuming alcohol or drugs while hunting is prohibited.
- All applicable City of Bemidji and State of Minnesota archery hunting and trespass rules, regulations and laws will apply and be enforced.
- Hunters are asked to contact the City when done hunting for the season so others may be permitted to hunt.
- All stands and personal property MUST be removed from City and State land and public sites on or before January 7th or it may be confiscated as abandoned property.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF THE PERMIT!

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above regulations and the archery deer hunt program description:

SIGNATURE

DATE

If you are interested in this Special Permit hunting opportunity, you must complete the Application for Archery Permit to Hunt Within the City of Bemidji, which includes an Authorization for Background Investigation, and submit it to Bemidji City Hall, 317 4th Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601, along with the required \$10.00 fee, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2024.

Contacts for this hunt:

- **General questions**
Rachelle Barckholtz~ City Hall, (218) 759-3575 or rachelle.barckholtz@ci.bemidji.mn.us
- **Specific questions, to report a fatally wounded animal, confrontation or hunter harassment**
Conservation Office Brice Vollbrecht 218-760-1798; Police Dept.: Sgt. Robert Brogren 218-766-7201 **OR** Jason Sanderson, Community Service Officer 218-556-4148
- **How this hunt relates to current State hunting regulations**
Justin Pitt, Assistant Area Wildlife Manager, MN DNR, (218) 308-2337 or justin.pitt@state.mn.us