

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS,  
APPROVING URBAN DEER HUNT FOR  
FAIRFIELD BAY,  
ARKANSAS, FOR THE 2026 SEASON;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairfield Bay, in a referendum, previously approved an Urban Deer Hunt inside of the municipal boundaries of the City of Fairfield Bay, in order to reduce the population of deer, reduce the nuisances associated with an uncontrolled urban deer population, and reduce the number of vehicle accidents with deer inside of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has subsequently approved Urban Deer Hunts to maintain control of the population of deer inside city limits, subject to annual approval by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfield Bay Police Department and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Officers recommend that the City continue to approve the annual urban deer hunt, to reduce conflicts between humans and deer, by utilizing archery deer hunting, in partnership with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfield Bay “Urban Deer Hunt Coordinator,” Mark Harbour, a volunteer who has tirelessly worked on this issue since its inception in the 2010 referendum, in a recent update to the City, also recommends that the City approve an Urban Deer Hunt for the season that begins in 2026;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, that:**

1. The City Council approves an Urban Deer Hunt for the 2026 season, in partnership with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association, in accordance with the previously-conducted Urban Deer Hunts, annually, since the 2010 referendum election.
2. The City Council thanks Mr. Harbour, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association for their efforts.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon publication by posting by the Recorder-Treasurer, and shall likewise be published in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City of Fairfield Bay.

**IT IS SO CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED** by the City Council, for the City of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



**Honorable Seth J. Connell**  
Mayor, City of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas

**Attest:**



**Honorable Rose M. Ostronic Owen**  
Recorder-Treasurer

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Memo for Fairfield Bay Mayor and City Council

Subject: Fairfield Bay Urban Deer Hunt 2026

**Background**

2010 residents voted 3 to 1 in favor of an urban deer hunt with the assistance of the Arkansas Bowhunters Association and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Year	Deer Harvested	Hunter Permits
2011	264	186
2012	292	200
2013	81	224
2014	88	132
2015	159	140
2016	104	134
2017	94	127
2018	178	118
2019	77	141
2020	163	135
2021	94	134
2022	108	132
2023	90	128
2024	92	136
2025	96	132

**Discussion**

The number of calls regarding garden-landscape depredation and deer-vehicle collisions have been reduced. FFB Police and AGFC Wildlife Officers recommend we continue the urban deer hunt. There are no major problems as a result of the 2025 hunt. Cherokee Village, Horseshoe Bend, Russellville, Heber Springs, Hot Springs Village, Bull Shoals, Helena-West Helena, Bella Vista, and Lakeview had urban deer hunts in 2025. Our goal is to reduce human deer conflicts by utilizing archery hunting in partnership with the AGFC and ABA.

Recommendation - Approve an AGFC urban deer hunt for 2026

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