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# REMINDER

## NOTICE OF MEETING

MEETING OF: **RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
CALLED BY: SARA CONTINENZA, CHAIR  
DATE: **September 14, 2020**  
LOCATION: WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING (see info above)  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
RE: DEER POPULATION DISCUSSION

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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## Memorandum

**To:** Members of City Council  
**From:** Keith Ari Benjamin, Director of Community Services  
**Re:** Resolution 44-20: Wildlife Management Agreement with USDA  
**Date:** September 10, 2020

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Resolution 44-20 authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture to provide Deer Wildlife Management Services for the 2020-2021 season.

As discussed in Recreation Committee, the attached legislation was requested by Councilwoman Continenza and Councilwoman Gray to continue consideration of how best to manage the abundant deer population in the community.

***Please note: The USDA is preparing an agreement for Council consideration, as well as the projected costs for moving forward with management services. However, the agreement will most likely not be ready prior to Monday's Council Meeting. As a result, please feel free to place the Resolution on First Reading and refer to the appropriate committee for further review and discussion.***

We will be having a Recreation Committee on this issue at 5:30 pm on September 14<sup>th</sup>, prior to the City Council meeting. At that time, Police Chief Nietert, who is coordinating these potential efforts with the USDA will be able to share additional information about the program and options.

Thank you.

CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO.: 44-20  
INTRODUCED BY: Frank  
REQUESTED BY: Continenza & Gray

September 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE WILDLIFE SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, in order to reduce health and safety risks and property damage associated with white-tailed deer populations, wish to adopt a White-Tailed Deer Management Plan in coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS); and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement with the USDA to provide Wildlife Services will be one component of a comprehensive Deer Wildlife Management Program to be considered by City Council, which will also include the following components:

- Comprehensive Community Education Programs on living in harmony with deer populations in urban areas.
- Continuing preservation of greenspace areas to promote habitat modification for deer populations.
- Controlling deer populations in approved neighborhoods with participation in the USDA Wildlife Services.
- Controlling deer populations in approved neighborhoods, with the assistance of Cuyahoga County, with implementation of a pilot Wildlife Fertility Control Program.
- Increasing food security programs for at-risk populations.
- Recognizing that Wildlife Management is a regional issue and there are benefits to working with Cuyahoga County, The Greater Cleveland Metroparks and neighboring communities to implement programs that control and maintain healthy deer populations in our region.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of South Euclid, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Service Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS) to assist with meeting the objectives of the City's White-Tailed Deer Management Plan.

Section 2. The total cost of services and equipment provided under the agreement is not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 3: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees on or after November 25, 1975, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for further to reduce the health and safety risks and property damage associated with the white-tailed populations, adopted by the White-Tailed Deer Management Plan. Wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon signature of the Mayor.