

New Hunting Regulations

The Medina City Council amended Chapter 320 of the Medina City Code in reference to firearms, deadly weapons and fireworks. This ordinance covers the discharge of firearms during the hunting season and regulates hunting in Medina. The City Council's objective was to maintain hunting as part of the City's rural character, while balancing the rights of the citizens in reference to the disturbances caused by hunting. Earlier this year, the Medina City Council put a hunting task force together to look at our current ordinance and come back with recommendations of ways to improve the controls in the ordinance now and into the future.

In June of this year, the task force came back with recommendations suggesting that the ordinance be amended giving the City Council the authority to designate "Sensitive Hunting Areas" (SHAs) in the City. These SHAs would have special administrative rules that the hunters would need to follow or they would lose their privilege to hunt in those areas.

The administrative rules are related to trespassing, pellets falling on other's properties, number of hunters that can be on a parcel and placing limits on times firearms can be discharged. Other language was clarified in the ordinance along with updating the definitions. This ordinance was adopted on August 16, 2011.

The City of Medina follows all state and local hunting regulations. If you have any questions in reference to hunting or discharging of firearms within the City of Medina, please contact the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

For information regarding hunting season dates, please refer to the DNR's website at www.dnr.state.mn.us.