



Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Tucker Omohundro, Board Director to the Common Property, Forest & Wildlife Committee
Date: June 16, 2021
Re: Motion – Approve Revision to Chapter Two, Article 7 Common Property, Forest & Wildlife Policy

Motion

I move to approve a revision to Chapter Two, Article 7 Common Property, Forest & Wildlife Policy to include “The feeding of deer and bears is prohibited except during sanctioned hunts or trapping for safety reasons.”

Background

The Common Property, Forest & Wildlife Committee (CPFWC) recommends that Hot Springs Village prohibit the feeding of deer. Hot Springs Village has approximately twice the number of deer than the AGFC recommends for maintaining a healthy herd, and an overabundance in the deer population may lead to inbreeding and an increase in health and immune system issues. The deer may be susceptible to contracting Chronic Wasting Disease. CW Disease has been identified close by in Yell County as well as other counties in the state. There has also been an increase in the number of deer-related vehicle accidents in Hot Springs Village. Prohibiting the feeding of deer is a proactive approach to limiting the overpopulation of the deer herd.

The CPFWC recommends revising Chapter Two, Article 7, Common Property, Forest & Wildlife Policy to include “The feeding of deer and bears is prohibited except during sanctioned hunts or trapping for safety reasons”. A red-lined version of the policy is attached.

This was discussed at the June 2, 2021 Discussion Session.

Chapter Two, Facilities and Amenities

Article 7

Common Property, Forest & Wildlife Policy

Section 1. General

The Common Property, Forest and Wildlife Committee (CPF&W) and the Public Services Department have oversight responsibilities of all activities on common property within the boundaries of Hot Springs Village. Permitting & Inspections (P&I) issues permits and collects fees as set annually by HSV POA Board of Directors, for the activities on common property. Issues, plans and programs related to Forestry and Wildlife Management will be forwarded to the Director of Public Works and B.O.D. for final approval. The adopted procedures, regulations comply with the following:

Current HSV Covenants and Restrictions

Current CPF&W Charter

Current Common Property & Wildlife Management Procedures

The Common Property, Forest and Wildlife committee reviews the following activities:

Class 1 Permits: General clean-up; removal of vines and shrubs; pruning and cutting of seedlings and small trees less than three inches in diameter; cutting of large trees that are hazardous, unhealthy, diseased or dead; and limited landscaping.

Class 2 Permits: Selective cutting and/or pruning of large healthy trees.

Class 3 Permits: Shaping under and around boat docks and lakefront property line. Should Rip-Rapping or Sea Wall construction be needed on Common Property Permits and approvals by CPF&W/Lakes Management & ACC is required.

Wildlife Management. Deer and Canada Geese populations need to be monitored and managed to maintain acceptable healthy levels for the protection of the herd and flock, and to protect HSV residents, their pets, and our Village environment (*Lakes & Golf Courses*).

The feeding of Canada Geese in and around Hot Springs Village lakes and golf courses is prohibited. The feeding of **deer and** bears is also prohibited except during sanctioned hunts or trapping for safety reasons.

Any violations of Common Property will be governed by the CPF&W Charter, Policy, Procedures and fee schedules as set by the B.O.D.

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