

Thank you for contacting the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources regarding your interest in holding a special urban deer archery/crossbow season hunt in the town of Westover. The legislative rule (58CSR45-3.3.2) governing this special deer season provides incorporated cities and homeowners associations with a management tool to control deer populations and subsequently deer/human conflicts in residential settings. Based upon your request approval has been granted for Westover to move forward with the implementation of a special urban deer archery/crossbow season for the fall/winter 2024-2025 season. This approval is based upon compliance with the Legislative Rule 58CSR45-3.3.2 and associated subsections:

3.3.2. Special Urban Deer Archery/Crossbow Season. This season, which may be implemented within incorporated limits of a city, town, or village will be a split season. The initial season opens 21 days prior to the opening of the statewide deer archery season and closes on the last day in December. The second split opens on the second Monday in January and runs through January 31. This special deer season will in no way supersede local regulations or community prohibitions on hunting. The governing entity shall notify the Director by August 1 of their intentions to participate in the special urban deer archery/crossbow season during that year. All participating hunters are required to have a valid base hunting license or be exempt from having to purchase a base hunting license.

3.3.2.a. This season may also be implemented within incorporated homeowners' associations that have defined boundaries. The governing entity of these associations shall submit a letter to the Director prior to March 1 of the year that the hunt is requested. Based on a field review, the Director may or may not grant the request. This special deer season will in no way supersede local regulations or community prohibitions on hunting.

3.3.2.b. Deer taken during this special season shall not apply to the regular archery or crossbow deer season bag limits under Section 3.11 of these rules.

3.3.2.c. The bag limit for all incorporated cities, towns, villages, and homeowners' associations is seven (7) deer which may include no more than two (2) antlered deer and the first deer must be antlerless.

Thank You

