

**City of Kingsford
2021 Comprehensive Deer Management Bow Hunt**

KEY POINTS

- 1. HUNTERS MUST HAVE A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE CITY AND A VALID MICHIGAN DEER HUNTING LICENSE**
- 2. HUNTING SHALL BE WITH A BOW ONLY FROM A 12 FOOT RAISED STAND WITH IDENTIFICATION TAG (crossbow may be used if allowed by the MDNR rules)**
- 3. ONLY ANTLERLESS DEER SHALL BE HARVESTED (unless hunter qualifies for a buck according to the cities guidelines and has a valid state license to harvest a buck)**
- 4. ALL HUNTERS MUST PASS A PROFICIENCY TEST PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A PERMIT**
- 5. HUNTING IS ALLOWED ONLY WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION**
- 6. HUNTING WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED ON UP TO TWO ADJOINING PARCELS TOTALING 7 ACRES OR MORE**
- 7. BAITING IS NOT ALLOWED PER CURRENT MDNR RULES**

HOW DOES A HUNTER GET A PERMIT?

- A. Obtain application packet online at the City web site at www.cityofkingsford.com or at Kingsford Public Safety (906) 774-2525.**
- B. The hunter must arrange and pass a proficiency test at Hardcore Pursuit Outfitters at (906) 828-1034 or hardcorepursuitoutfittersironmountain@gmail.com. Then complete City Certification form to be certified by Hardcore Pursuit Outfitters.**
- C. Once you have passed the proficiency test, you will need to acquire the property owners completed and signed written authorization form.**
- D. By appointment (906 774-2525), bring the following to the City Public Safety office:**
 - 1. City deer hunt application**
 - 2. valid driver's license**
 - 3. proof you have passed the proficiency test**
 - 4. valid Michigan deer hunting license**
 - 5. completed and signed property owner's authorization form**

CITY OF KINGSFORD

2021 COMPREHENSIVE DEER MANAGEMENT HUNT GUIDELINES

1. These guidelines are in addition to the guidelines published by the State of Michigan and both are in effect for hunting deer within the city. **Please note that baiting is not allowed per the new MDNR rules this year.**
2. No hunting is allowed within the city limits unless a permit has first been obtained from the Kingsford Public Safety Department and only bows or crossbows may be used for hunting within the city.
3. Hunters may apply for more than one permit at the time of application.
4. Only antlerless deer shall be harvested, except that a hunter may shoot a buck if he/she has successfully harvested and registered three (3) antlerless deer prior to taking the buck. In order to harvest a buck, the hunter will be required to possess and use a state issued buck license/tag in accordance with State of Michigan regulations.
5. **All hunters are directed to avoid confrontations at all cost. If harassed, you should remain silent and report the incident to the Kingsford Public Safety Department (906) 774-2525. For the record, “hunter harassment,” defined by statute, occurs when someone “prevents, disrupts, interferes with the taking or preparing to take wild animals.”**
6. Familiarize yourself with this year’s hunt rules: 12-foot minimum structure or tree stand height with hunter identification; no gut piles; must carry a pocket ID card or valid driver’s license at all times (including while scouting); respecting vegetation, respecting the hunting strategies and areas of fellow hunters; wearing a full-body safety harness at all times while on stand; reports all harvests within 24 hours; accepting all City of Kingsford decisions as final, etc.
7. City rule violations (hunting in the wrong zone, hunting without proper identification, etc.) are enforced and reported to the Kingsford Public Safety Department. If it is an urgent situation, contact the Kingsford Public Safety Department (774-2525). DNR Officer by contacting Kingsford Public Safety, or call 911.
8. Hunting will only be permitted on parcels of land containing 7 acres or more and by owner’s written permission. Owners of not more than two adjacent properties, in order to meet the 7 acre size requirement and by written agreement, may allow hunting on their properties.
9. *Setbacks: 450 feet from occupied buildings, 200 feet from occupied buildings with written permission, 200 feet of the centerline of a roadway and 200 feet from designated trail systems (snowmobile, hiking trail, city hiking and/or cross-country ski trails). Set up out of sight from the non-hunting public.*
10. It is critical that every hunter avoid trespassing at all costs. Do not track wounded deer out of the designated deer hunt area with uncased bow/crossbow.
11. Teamwork among fellow hunters is essential to an optimum harvest: Discuss stand location preferences, access plans and deer retrieval strategies.
12. Parking: The city will ticket or tow vehicles that block traffic.

13. All hunters without a wallet I.D. card or valid driver's license in their possession are in violation of the City's Comprehensive Deer Management Guidelines. All hunting must cease within city limits until the I.D. card is replaced.
14. Personal hunt schedules: When you change hunting locations or are finished for the season, let the Public Safety Director or his/her designee know immediately. The City of Kingsford needs to know when hunting zones can accommodate other hunters.
15. Field Reports: The Kingsford Public Safety Department is charged with providing baseline deer data to the City, including the number and location of deer killed.
16. Wounding deer: The City of Kingsford does not want to lose a single deer in this hunt! Please limit your shots to real-world abilities, and assist one another in retrieving deer in your DHA. When tracking deer, know locations of other hunters.
17. Treestand or structure etiquette: A maximum of one stand per hunter is sufficient to successfully participate in the Kingsford Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt.
18. On public property, stands must be removed within three (3) days from end of the season or three (3) days from successful harvest.
19. Reporting kills: Every hunter must report, within 24 hours, all harvests.
20. Hunter-to-hunter etiquette: The Bowhunters' Creed stipulates that hunters shall not knowingly impose themselves on others, which includes, but is not limited to, respecting one another's landowner relations.
21. All Deer Management Hunters must be at least seventeen (17) years at the time of application.
22. The 2021 Comprehensive Deer Management Program will be in effect during the same periods as the state deer hunting seasons during October, November, and December 2021 and January 2022 or as otherwise established by the City of Kingsford.
23. All hunters will be required to take a proficiency test as required.
24. All hunters must attend a pre-season information session.
25. The City of Kingsford retains the absolute right to amend or modify these guidelines at any time it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

**City of Kingsford
2021 Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt**

HUNTER'S APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE #: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

**All hunters must take an annual proficiency test from the company specified
by the city.**

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STATE OF MICHIGAN }
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COUNTY OF DICKINSON }

I, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. That I have reviewed the requirements established by the City of Kingsford for hunting within the designated areas of the city.
2. That part of the requirements to qualify for a permit is to affirm that I have demonstrated sufficient proficiency with a permitted weapon to safely conduct hunting activity as required by the city.
3. That I am submitting this testimony confirming I have shot five arrows into a target which accurately simulates the vitals area of a whitetail deer, with at least four of five arrows striking the vitals area.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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* Names of persons signing in any capacity should be typed or printed below their signature line.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING COMPANY:

Name of Certifying Company: **HARDCORE OUTFITTERS** _____

Printed Name of Authorized Company Agent: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Certifying Company Paid _____.

City of Kingsford

DESIGNATION OF PERMITTED AREA

**For the Shooting of a Bow or Crossbow
In the City of Kingsford During the
2021 Comprehensive Deer Management Program
(2 Parcels Combined to Create a 7 Acre or Larger Parcel)**

Property Owner Name No. 1: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parcel I.D. #: _____

Parcel Acreage: _____

Property Owner Name No. 2: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parcel I.D. #: _____

Parcel Acreage: _____

1. We, the above-named property owners, hereby declare that the above noted parcels meet the requirement(s) set forth in the City of Kingsford Resolution No. 2011.9.19.1 (attached and hereby made a part hereof), receipt of which we acknowledge and the terms and conditions of which we are aware of and assent to.

2. We, the above-named property owners, hereby release and agree to hold the City of Kingsford, its officers, employees and agents harmless against any and all claims resulting or arising out of any acts associated with archery deer hunting activities on either of these parcels.

Property Owner No. 1 Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner No. 2 Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

Designated Hunter(s): _____

CITY OF KINGSFORD APPROVAL:

Dated: _____

<p>REMINDER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALL State, Federal, & Local Hunting Regulations apply to archery deer hunting in the City of Kingsford; e.g. no hunting within 200' of the centerline of a roadway. 2. No viscera (gut piles) can be left on any property without express consent of owner. 3. Hunters must be seventeen (17) years of age. 4. All harvests shall be reported to the City within twenty-four (24) hours.
