
City of Minot

TO: Mayor Shawn Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: Police Chief Jason Olson

DATE: August 22, 2018

SUBJECT: GOOSE MITIGATION - MINOT PARK DISTRICT

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Pass the recommended changes to City of Minot ordinance 23-61 by amending and

reenacting the ordinance.

2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the ordinance.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Jason Olson, Police Chief	857-4715
Kelly Hendershot, City Attorney	857-4755

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Minot Park District has had persistent problems controlling the Canada goose population at the Souris Valley Golf Course. Despite trying a number of strategies the problem of excessive numbers of geese on the course has interfered with golfers and caused damage to the course and maintenance issues for the greenkeepers.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact: The Park District hopes to mitigate the Canada goose population through engaging in hunting or mitigation by firearm use in accordance with and approval of the North Dakota Game and Fish, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The ordinance change is needed to allow firearm discharges in accordance with the established program.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:
None

C. Fiscal Impact:
None

V. ALTERNATIVES

Alt 1. The Council could leave 23-61 in its current form and not make any changes.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

If the ordinance change is made by early October there would still be time for the program to be underway during the 2018 Waterfowl season.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft ordinance (23-61)
- B. Letter from Minot Park District Director Ron Merritt