

...More Classifieds

SECTION 3 - All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4 - This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage and when it has met its publication requirements.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

Jason Moran, Mayor
Attest:
Amanda Mendoza,
City Secretary
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“All men are created equal” has been easier said than done. Freedom has layers, like prosperity. A society can be generally more free and generally more prosperous while individual people or places are struggling.

Recently, I have been pondering the ideals of freedom within the context of our rural communities. America in 2022 has its flaws (again, humans are at the steering wheel) but on a general, nationwide level, America is exponentially more free and closer to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence than it was in 1776. But in many ways, rural America is struggling with these ideals on a granular level. Freedom is an all-encompassing thing. There’s a reason why Jefferson used the phrase “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Freedom includes the ability to build a life for you and your family, as you please. Economic freedom is freedom.

Now more than ever, rural America is subject to the whims of larger economic forces. Local prosperity is deeply influenced by national and international markets, government policymakers, and corporate decision-makers who couldn’t find rural America on a map. We’ve been told for a lot of years that this was inevitable, but did it have to be inevitable that our rural communities would decline? I’m not so sure.

At the very least, the decline does not have to be permanent and irreversible. We have talked about renewed interest in rural communities after the COVID-19 pandemic, but it takes more than just renewed interest to see rural America prosper. In the next couple of weeks, I will outline some specific ideas, but one thing is very clear to me: rural America will find its economic freedom with an emphasis on local place.

Freedom is found in community. Stay tuned.

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TPWD accepting drawn hunt permit applications

New opportunities and scenery are available to hunters this fall through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s (TPWD) drawn hunt permits program, now accepting applications for a shot at almost 10,000 permits in 62 hunt categories.

The permits allow drawn hunts on both public and private lands throughout Texas. Among the offerings available through the online system are hunts for white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn, turkey, alligator, dove and guided packages for exotic species and bighorn sheep.

“This season, we will conduct drawings in 62 hunt categories,” said Kelly Edmiston, TPWD Public Hunting Program Coordinator. “These drawings include selections for U.S. Forest Service Antlerless Deer Permits, both adult and youth hunts, 18 e-Postcard Selections for hunters using the \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH), and hunts conducted on 10 National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) in Texas.”

Applicants for e-Postcard hunts and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Antlerless Deer Permits must have a current APH permit to apply.

New areas included in this year’s drawn hunt catalog include the Muleshoe NWR and Powderhorn State Park. Devil’s

Sinkhole SNA, Lost Maples SP, Village Creek SP, and Stephen F. Austin SP have re-entered the program this season. TPWD also created two new NWR hunt categories, for Antlerless Deer and Alligator.

An interactive map shows all drawn hunt opportunities by category or by area, and all applications, fee payments and permit issuance are handled electronically. To participate, applicants will need internet access, an email address and a credit or debit card. The customer ID number from the applicant’s hunting or fishing license is the most effective way to access the system.

Application fees are \$3 or \$10 depending on the hunt category. Adult hunters that are selected may also need to pay a Special Permit fee of \$80 for regular hunts and \$130 for extended hunts. Some categories, such as the Youth-Only hunts, require no application fees or permit fees. Permits are open to resident and non-resident hunters alike.

The first application deadlines are in August. August 1 is the deadline for the alligator hunt categories, pronghorn, and private lands dove hunts, and August 15 is the deadline for archery deer, general exotic and javelina. Application deadlines are the 1st and 15th of the month from August 1 to

November 1. A full list of category deadlines can be found online. Hunters can apply up to 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the application deadline, and after the application is submitted, they can check their drawing status online at any time.

For more information or to get started in the application process visit the TPWD drawn hunts webpage. For questions, contact hunt@tpwd.texas.gov or call (512) 389-4505 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Texas needs to strengthen its ‘right to farm’ laws

By Julie Tomascik Editor, Texas Farm Bureau
As Texas grows increasingly urban, the state’s “right to farm” statute needs to be strengthened, according to the state’s largest general farm and ranch organization.

The current law only protects agricultural operations annexed after August 31, 1981. But urban sprawl and local government regulations could jeopardize the future of some farms and ranches.

The Texas House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock is studying the issue this interim to determine the impact of governmental and regulatory requirements and practices on farms and ranches. This includes those that prevent or prohibit an activity that is a normally-accepted agricultural practice.

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) District 4 State Director John Paul Dineen III, who farms and ranches in an urban area, testified before the House committee on the need for increased protections under the

right to farm law. “Texas Farm Bureau has become aware of instances where farmers’ land within city boundaries has become overregulated by municipal ordinances that prohibit many, if not all, normal agricultural operations, such as raising and keeping livestock, hay production and cultivating certain row crops,” Dineen said.

There are several examples in the Dallas-Fort Worth area where cities are using their public nuisance ordinances to prohibit agricultural activities. In one city, grass grown for hay is not allowed to grow taller than 12 inches without the city mowing the property and sending the bill to the farmer.

Hay bales in some cases must be removed from properties within a short period of time, usually 24-48 hours, to avoid penalties - all in order to comply with city health ordinances.

Some cities are arbitrarily requiring buffer zones of up to 250 feet around the property to be mowed short.

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