

City of Alpena

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Deer Feeding

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources continues to prohibit the feeding or baiting of deer in the entire lower peninsula. The general purpose of this is to stop the gathering of multiple deer to halt the spread of various diseases including bovine Tuberculosis and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

The City continues to find various feed piles placed within the Evergreen Cemetery. This encourages deer to gather within the cemetery. In addition to being prohibited by the MDNR, it can also be dangerous to citizens walking or driving within the cemetery.

According to the MDNR website: Make Use of Deer Bait – CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) and TB (Tuberculosis) Areas [C3.100(5)] –misdemeanor offense with a maximum of 90 days in jail, a minimum fine of at least \$50 to a maximum fine of \$500, Court costs and State fees, and the loss of hunting privileges at the discretion of the Court pursuant to MCL 324.43559.

Citizens participating in this practice should discontinue immediately. As this is a City-owned, public access property, cameras have been installed.

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