

Austin Animal Advisory Commission, Deer Working Group
Recommendations to the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee
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- Create a humane, non-lethal, city-wide deer conflict management plan that emphasizes tolerance and co-existence with deer and other wildlife
- Develop and promote the plan through public education and awareness using the City's web site and all other information distribution outlets available to the City
- Establish a process to periodically review and update the plan as necessary
- Consolidate and transfer community deer education/outreach efforts to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Health & Human Services Department's Rodent and Vector Program
- Identify streets that need additional signage, speed monitoring, lighting and warning devices
- Modify the City's web site to include the policy and general information for all wildlife and utilize the Austin Animal Advisory Commission's Deer Working Group as a resource for deer information
- Transfer enforcement of the Intentional Feeding of Deer Ordinance to the City's Code Compliance Department from the Health & Human Services Department's Rodent and Vector Program
- Assess/define city issues regarding deer in Austin
 - Conduct city-wide resident surveys
 - Monitor number and location of complaints
 - Develop maps to help identify and mitigate deer collisions
 - Study alternative strategies to accomplish the intent of the ordinance
- Monitor deer populations in order to target education and other non-lethal coexistence efforts, such as contraception, fencing/exclusion, use of repellants and deer-resistant landscaping
- Continue to work with 311 to keep wildlife and deer protocols up to date
- Provide information to new driver education programs so they will be aware of all wildlife, especially deer, in the City – possibly partner with the Texas Department of Public Safety, AISD and Driver Training Schools in and around Austin
- Work with schools in the Austin area to educate students on how to live with all wildlife, especially deer
- Change City law and/or policy to allow dead deer pickup on private property with the property owner's permission so residents aren't required to drag the carcass to the street's curb/right-of-way