



City of McKinney Press Release

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Dove hunting season could mean some shots heard in city limits

McKINNEY, Texas (Sept. 1, 2010) – The start of dove hunting season today means another opportunity to participate in a favorite hobby in North Texas. State laws place additional restrictions on hunters this year.

Hunters must be more than 1,000 feet from the property line of a public tract of land or of a school, hospital or commercial day-care facility. A bow and arrow, BB gun, air rifle or pistol, or shotgun may be discharged if it is done on a piece of property at least ten acres in size, at least 150 feet from a residence or occupied building, and in a safe manner where the projectile does not cross the property line, according to McKinney police.

“Normally, firing a gun in the city limits of McKinney is illegal. However, there are a very few exceptions,” said McKinney Police Department Chief Doug Kowalski. “If you hear a gun shot and are concerned, call the police to report any suspicious activity.”

All hunters should have a Texas Hunting License with a Migratory Bird Stamp. The non-emergency line for the Police Department is 972-547-2700.

The ordinance does not prohibit any peace officer from discharging a firearm in the performance of his duty or any citizen from discharging a firearm when lawfully defending person or property. Violating the ordinance is a misdemeanor. To view the full city ordinance, visit www.mckinneytexas.org.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of more than 127,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and

developments, and it was recently ranked as the #5 Best Places to Live by Money Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.