

RESOLUTION NO. 3443**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE TO HUNT OR TRAP, WITHIN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, ANY WILDLIFE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BAKER CITY.**

WHEREAS, Baker City is located in a semi-remote area and is surrounded by habitat of many wild animals, and

WHEREAS, certain of these animals, including but not limited to cougars, bears, and badgers would create danger of personal injury or property damage if allowed to run loose within Baker City, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has employees trained in the hunting or trapping of such animals as are likely to migrate to, and run loose within, Baker City, and

WHEREAS, said employees should be allowed to assist Baker City emergency services personnel in alleviating any danger caused by such animals, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this matter was held by the City Council of Baker City on February 11, 2003, after notice of such hearing was published in the February 6, 2003 edition of the Record-Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in Baker County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Baker City, Oregon that duly authorized employees or other representatives of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are authorized, in the course of their official duties, to hunt and trap such wildlife within the city limits of Baker City as they may deem appropriate to reduce or eliminate dangers to persons or property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the passage of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Oregon State Fish and Wildlife Commission along with a request that the Commission, after notice and hearing, make the determination that such hunting or trapping would not adversely affect public safety or unreasonably interfere with other authorized uses of such land.

Passed by the City Council of Baker City, Oregon, and signed by the Mayor of Baker City, Oregon, this 11th day of February, 2003.