CITY OF PARMA

Municipal Deer Control Permit
Information Sheet 2021 – 2022 Season

Please Note: Due to changes in the rules and regulations, we will only accept hunter applications and paperwork from the current hunting season as noted on the permit

The following information will help guide you through the process of obtaining a Municipal Deer Control Permit from the City of Parma Police Department. Included in this packet is a copy of Ordinance 73-16 amending Parma Codified Ordinance Sections 618.11, 618.21 and 961.02. Please make sure that you are familiar with it prior to hunting deer in the City of Parma.

The package includes the following forms which must be properly completed, signed and returned:

Municipal Deer Control Permit Application
Must contain property owner(s) information for every property listed.

Property Owner Permission and Agreement Form(s)
Must have a signed agreement for EACH property contained within the total acreage - minimum 3 contiguous acres unless otherwise determined by the Chief of Police or his designee. (***ALL*** owners holding title to the property, as recorded by the Cuyahoga County Auditor, must sign the attached agreement form or a permit **will not be issued**). Make extra copies of blank forms as needed. In order to achieve the three contiguous acre requirement hunters may combine no more than four separate properties.

In addition, the following must also be included with the returned packet:

- ☐ Registration fee of $75 (Make Check Payable to "City of Parma")
- ☐ Legible photocopy of State of Ohio hunting license and deer permit
- ☐ Legible photocopy of applicant's driver's license or state ID card
- ☐ Copy of the declaration page of applicants homeowner/renter insurance policy indicating personal liability insurance coverage of at least $100,000
- ☐ Map of property with boundaries outlined and GPS coordinates of approved platform
- ☐ Signed and approved archery proficiency certification from Parma Armory* A valid Photo ID is required for the proficiency test and it MUST be conducted at Parma Amory (there is a fee charged by Parma Amory for this service). Archer must provide his/her own Bow and Field Tipped Arrow(s) for the test.

*To confirm availability of personnel to administer the archer proficiency test, contact:

Parma Armory
5301 Hauserman Road
Parma Ohio 44129
216-242-6717

Prior to the issuance of a permit, a visit to the property will be conducted by the Chief of Police or his designee to determine that hunting with archery equipment can be safely conducted therein and to inspect and approve the elevated platform from which hunting is to be conducted. The Chief of Police or his designee may deny the permit at his sole discretion, or impose any other restriction deemed necessary to protect the safety and well-being of the residents.

Once issued, the permit shall be valid only for the named permit holder and only during daylight hours for the dates specified. Hunting shall be conducted only from the elevated platform previously approved by the Chief of Police or his designee. In addition, notifications will be required as stated below:

- ☐ If deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or his Designee provide copies of letters or proof of personal notification by the applicant to the occupants of properties sharing a common boundary with any portion of the property where hunting is to be conducted, advising of the application for the permit
- ☐ Posting of signs may be required as a condition of approval indicating that archery hunting is in progress

Within 24 hours of harvesting, the permit holder shall notify the ODNR (at *wildlife.ohiodnr.gov* or by calling 1-877-824-4864) and shall submit a completed City of Parma Harvested Deer Check Form to the Police Department. The permit holder shall immediately remove any carcasses from the permitted property, and the entrails will be removed if requested by the landowner.

Obligations under the issued permit include:

- being able to produce the issued permit and any state issued permit upon request while operating under said permit;
- ensuring that all equipment used while operating under the issued permit is removed from the property no later than two weeks after the expiration of said permit.
- all persons present with permit holder/hunter while on the property for purposes of hunting must be permit holders, and must have such permit in their possession.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, you may contact the office of Lt. Ciryak at 440-887-7334 or Ptl. Manzo at (440) 887-7300 Ext.8585.

Application
City of Parma Municipal Deer Control Permit
2021 – 2022 Season

Section 1: Applicant/Archer Information

Name of Applicant _____ ( ) _____ Phone Number

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code

Identification Type _____ Identification Number _____ / / Date of Birth

Archers may be subject to background check at their own expense

Section 2: Property Information

List parcel numbers, property owners' names, property addresses and acreage of individual properties to be included on Municipal Deer Control Permit (must total at least 3 acres, unless otherwise determined by the Chief of Police or designee).

Hunters may list no more than four individual parcels here

	Auditor's Parcel #	Property Owner Name(s) / Property Street Address	# of Acres
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Section 3: Type of Permit

Is this application being made in conjunction with a Division of Wildlife Deer Damage Control Permit?

If yes, application is due 15 days after issuance of the Deer Damage Control Permit.

I acknowledge that only bow hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted in the City of Parma and agree to comply with all state and city laws, rules and regulations. I further hereby acknowledge that any false information in this application for a Municipal Deer Control Permit is punishable under the Ohio Revised Code or Parma Codified Ordinance and cause for immediate denial or revocation of any issued permit.

_____ *Signature of Applicant*

_____ *Date*

Vehicle Information 2021 – 2022 Season

Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate #	Owner

Property Owner(s) Permission and Agreement Form 2021-2022 season

Whereas, the **Property Owner(s)** wishes to permit the **Hunter** to hunt on the below referenced property in accordance with Parma Codified Ordinances 618.11 & 618.21, Hunting; and whereas, the **Property Owner(s)** and **Hunter** wish to set forth terms and conditions under which the hunting shall take place:

- The **Property Owner(s)** hereby grants permission to the **Hunter** to hunt the **Property Owner(s) land** during the ***State of Ohio Division of Wildlife*** archery season; or at other times under an ***Ohio Division of Wildlife Deer Damage Control Permit,*** provided that the terms and conditions set forth below are satisfied:

  - The **Hunter** shall provide proof of passing an archery proficiency test that was conducted at **Parma Armory Only** ;
  - The **Hunter** shall have a valid hunting license and special deer permits as required by the *State of Ohio Division of Wildlife* regulations;
  - The **Hunter** shall execute this agreement and have in the **Hunter's** possession a copy of this agreement providing permission to hunt the **Property Owner(s) land;**
  - The **Hunter** agrees to park his/her motor vehicle in an area designated by the **Property Owner(s)** and comply with all city parking ordinances;
  - The **Hunter** agrees to conduct him/herself as a responsible hunter in a legal and ethical manner as a guest on the **Property Owner(s) land**. The **Hunter** agrees to respect the **Property Owner(s) land** as if it were his/her own by not littering and by leaving the property in the condition as the **Hunter** found it;
  - The **Hunter** shall not hunt within 250 feet of an occupied building or occupied residence.
  - The **Hunter** agrees to report any form of harassment to the Parma Police Department.

- The **Hunter** further agrees to:

  - Abide by all *Ohio Division of Wildlife* rules and regulations;
  - Assume responsibility for liability for any injury to any persons or damage to the property while hunting on the **Property Owner(s) land;**
  - Transport the deer so that it is not visible;
  - Comply with all rules, regulations and permit conditions as may be required by the ***Chief of Police or his designee.***

- Additionally, the **Property Owner(s)** and **Hunter** agree to the following provisions:

  - The **Hunter** shall hunt from a tree stand; such stand shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet off the ground;
  - The **Hunter** shall hunt with the owner's permission only;
  - The **Hunter** shall notify the ***City of Parma Police Department*** prior to every hunt, regardless of the number of timers per day;
  - The **Hunter** will provide his/her motor vehicle information to Parma Police Dispatch at (440) 885-1234.
  - The **Hunter** shall remove entrails from the property if requested by the landowner
  - The **Property Owner(s), Hunter** and ***Chief of Police or his designee*** shall review the property for suitability, concerns, stand placement and boundaries;
  - The **Property Owner(s)** shall limit the number of **Hunters** to a maximum of two (2) at any one time (per 3 acres) unless otherwise determined by the ***Chief of Police or his designee***;
  - The ***Chief of Police or his designee*** shall have the right to refuse or revoke any hunting permit to ensure the safety of the residents of the City;
  - The ***Chief of Police or his designee*** shall have the right to modify or change necessary provisions to allow qualified individuals to participate in this program.
  - The bag limit (number of deer) per permit shall be determined by *ODNR (*deer damage control permit limit will be based upon the damage; hunting permit will generally be limited to four (4) unless ***ODNR*** has determined otherwise).
  - Harvested deer must be tagged according to *ODNR* rules (1-877-TAGITOH or wildlife.ohiodnr.gov) and a completed Parma Harvested Deer Check form must be submitted to the ***Parma Police Department*** within 24 hours.

- The **Hunter** shall notify the ***Chief of Police or his designee*** immediately if a deer is wounded but not killed or retrieved.
- If a deer is wounded and subsequently dies on a property not listed in this agreement, the **Hunter** may only retrieve the animal after obtaining that property owner's approval.

The **Hunter** and **Property Owner(s)** accept full responsibility for conducting all activities in a safe, legal and responsible manner and jointly and severally indemnify and hold harmless the ***City of Parma***, its employees, officers and agents from all liability associated with personal injury and/or property damage, loss and expense, including, but not limited to: damages, legal expenses and cost of defense in any matter arising from the archery activities.

The **Hunter** and **Property Owner(s)** hereby consent to the entry upon the property by ***Parma Police*** officers or any other person designated by the ***Chief of Police*** to investigate compliance and to enforce the provisions of this agreement.

I have read, understand agree to all of the terms and conditions as stated in this agreement. This agreement is entered into on the _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between:

X_____ DOB: _____
Hunter Signature

Hunter Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Hunter Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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X_____ X_____
Property Owner Signature **Property Owner Signature - Additional owner**

Property Owner Name(s): _____/_____

Property Address: _____ County Auditor's Parcel #_____

Size of Property (in acres):_____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Permit Conditions

Anyone operating under an issued permit must possess a copy of said permit; must produce said permit upon request; must maintain all applicable State of Ohio licenses, permits and / or tags for the species being managed; and must adhere to all Division of Wildlife rules and regulations.

A log of animals removed within the time limitations of the issued permit must be submitted as set forth by the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

It is the responsibility of the permittee to remove all equipment used while operating under the issued permit, including, but not limited to tree stands and ladders, no later than two weeks after the expiration of said permit.

Hunting shall only be conducted from an elevated platform which will be at least 8 feet off the ground. The approval of such platform by the Chief of Police or his designee is required prior to issuing the permit. Said approved platform may not be moved to an alternate location after being inspected and the permit has been issued

Hunters operating under the issued permit shall notify the Parma Police Dept. at (440)-885-1234 prior to hunting each day as well as each time of day if afield more than once per day.

Hunters on this permit may only use legal archery equipment as described in ORC 1501:31-15-11(C)(1), unless otherwise stated in the special conditions section of this permit.

Hunters may only operate in the pre-approved areas as designated by the Chief of Police or his designee.

Anyone operating under the issued permit shall immediately remove any carcasses from the permitted property, and the entrails will be removed if requested by the landowner. Animals may not be field dressed in view of the general public.

Hunters shall immediately notify the Parma Police Dept. if an animal hunted under the issued permit is wounded and leaves the property, which is covered under the permit, or if the injured animal travels onto a public right of way or public property, thereby requiring police assistance for retrieval.

The Chief of Police or his designee may deem a property or any portion thereof unsuitable at any time if (s)he determines it is not in the best interest of the public to allow hunting there.

A city representative or police designee has the right to enter any property listed on this permit.

The Chief of Police or his designee may revoke or suspend this permit at any time if the permittee or any person operating under this permit violates any of the listed conditions of this permit; or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police.

By accepting this permit, the permittee accepts full responsibility for conducting all activities in a safe, legal and responsible manner and indemnifies and holds harmless the City of Parma, its employees, officers and agents, and landowners from all liability associated with personal injury, property damage and loss and expense, including but not limited to: damages, legal expenses and the cost of defense in any matter arising from the permittee's activities.

Hunters signature_____ **Date**_____

City of Parma, Ohio
Harvested Deer Check Form
2021 – 2022 Season

Hunter Name: _____

Hunter Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Hunter Permit #: _____

Deer Harvest Location: _____

Date of Harvest: _____ Time of Harvest: _____

Antlerless Deer: ____ __

Antlered Deer: _____ # of Points: _____

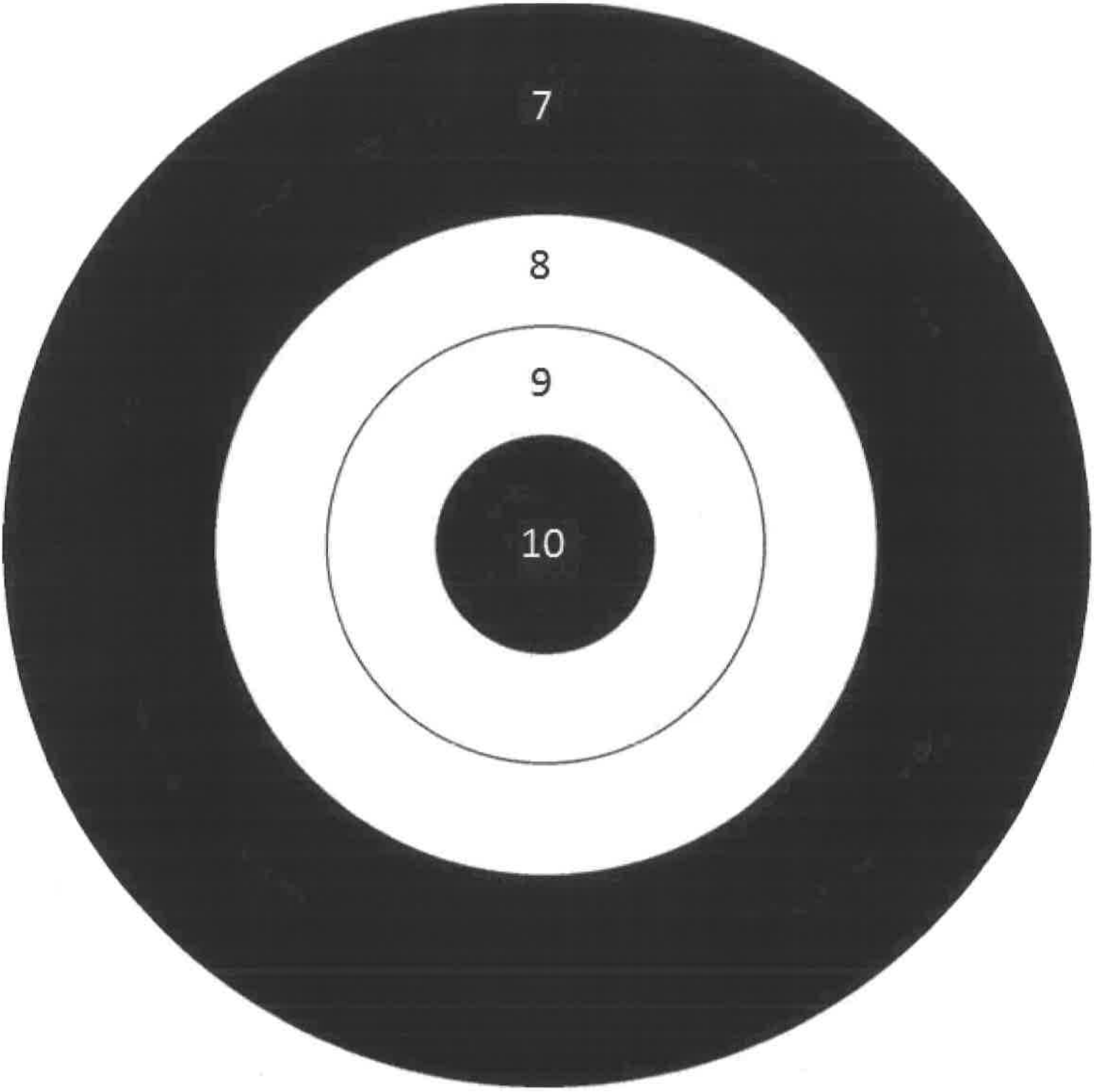
Within 24 hours of harvesting, please submit one form for each deer harvested to:
The Parma Police Department, 5555 Powers Blvd. Parma, Ohio

Archery Proficiency Test

Date of test: ___/___/20____ Location test taken: _____

Name of Archer (please print): _____

Rules: Archer shoots 5 arrows at 10 yards and must score 45 to pass



Score at 10 yards: _____ Person witnessing shooter's score: _____

Archer's Signature: _____

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ORDINANCE NO. 73-16

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS, SECTIONS 618.11 AND 618.21, AND CHAPTER 961 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, SECTION 961.02, AUTHORIZING A NUISANCE ABATEMENT INITIATIVE FOR BOTH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF THE WHITE-TAILED DEER POPULATION IN COORDINATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTIGUOUS, ADJOINING, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THAT OPT TO ADOPT A SIMILAR PLAN FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the white-tailed deer population in urban areas has grown to unmanageable numbers; and,

WHEREAS, as a consequence thereof great financial loss has been suffered by public and private property owners, in the destruction of plans, flowers, trees and other edible landscaping; and,

WHEREAS, deer/vehicle accidents increase annually and threaten the lives and property of all those who travel by vehicle on our streets and highways; and,

WHEREAS, while hunting in the City of Parma is prohibited, the exploding regional deer population requires deer management efforts; and,

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the existing circumstances constitute an ongoing and serious nuisance which must be abated for the public health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Administration, working in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and in coordination with other similarly situated municipalities, seek to establish a "nuisance abatement initiative" to allow for the liberal issuance of permits from both the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the municipal police department (deer damage control permits) with the consent of and upon the application of property owners seeking relief; and,

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, Part Six General Offenses Code, Chapter 618 Animals, Sections 618.11 and 618.21 and Part Nine Streets and Public Services Code, Section 961.02, to permit the limited hunting of white-tailed deer by cross bow or long bow under terms and conditions established by the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, Sections 618.11; 618.21; and 961.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, are amended as follows:

618.11 HUNTING OR TRAPPING PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall hunt or trap animals or fowl within the municipality, except **as follows**:

(1) Animal control officers, health officials, persons possessing a nuisance trapping permit issued by the Division of Wildlife of the State of Ohio, and a resident using box trapping on property which he or she owns or permanently occupies may trap wildlife or animals constituting a nuisance;

(2) The limited hunting of white-tailed deer by crossbow or long bow may be permitted within the City under the following terms and conditions:

(a) The Police Chief or his designated representative may, in his sole discretion, issue a Municipal Deer Control Permit to a qualified archer applicant (engaged to assist property owners aggrieved by deer damage);

(b) As a corollary to and following the issuance by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources of its own Deer Damage Control Permit or license to allow only bow-hunting (long bow and crossbow) of white-tailed deer;

(c) In areas of not less than five (5) contiguous acres by a qualified archer, on such forms and subject to such rules and regulations as the Chief may prescribe;

(d) Hunting shall be conducted from an elevated platform only;

(e) Written permission from the property owner(s) has been obtained;

(f) Qualified archer shall be defined as an individual having obtained an approval/certification from approved archery proficiency test site, valid Ohio hunting license, if applicable, and all other state requirements.

(g) Compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the City and State;

(h) All applicants shall agree, in writing, to defend and indemnify the City for any negligent acts committed by the applicant.

(i) Any other requirements as deemed necessary to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents as determined solely by the Chief of Police.

(j) Chief of Police is hereby authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provision of this section and all other rules and regulation necessary to insure public health and safety.

(b) A person holding a nuisance trapping permit issued by the Division of Wildlife of the State of Ohio shall:

(1) Notify the animal control officer or the Police Department of his name, the location and time of placement of each trap placed in the municipality prior to setting such trap;

(2) Use a box trap or a trap approved by the Division of Wildlife of the State of Ohio;

(3) Release such animal outside the City limits within 24 hours of trapping or in accordance with the State of Ohio, Division of Wildlife regulations.

(c) Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the **first** degree **and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02.**

618.21 HUNTING PROHIBITED.

(a) The hunting of animals or fowl within the municipality is prohibited. No person shall hunt, kill or attempt to kill any animal or fowl by the use of firearms or any other means, except **the limited hunting of white-tailed deer by crossbow or long bow may be permitted within the City under the following terms and conditions:**

(1) The Police Chief or his designated representative may, in his sole discretion, issue a Municipal Deer Control Permit to a qualified archer applicant (engaged to assist property owners aggrieved by deer damage);

(2) As a corollary to and following the issuance by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources of its own Deer Damage Control Permit or license to allow only bow-hunting (long bow and crossbow) of white-tailed deer;

(3) In areas of not less than five (5) contiguous acres by a qualified archer, on such forms and subject to such rules and regulations as the Chief may prescribe;

(4) Hunting shall be conducted from an elevated platform only;

(5) Written permission from the property owner(s) has been obtained;

(6) Qualified archer shall be defined as an individual having obtained an approval/certification from approved archery proficiency test site, valid Ohio hunting license, if applicable, and all other state requirements.

(7) Compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the City and State;

(8) All applicants shall agree, in writing, to defend and indemnify the City for any negligent acts committed by the applicant.

(9) Any other requirements as deemed necessary to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents as determined solely by the Chief of Police.

(10) Chief of Police is hereby authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provision of this section and all other rules and regulation necessary to insure public health and safety.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the **first** degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02.

961.02 PARK PROPERTY.

. . .

(c) Wild Animals, Birds, Etc.

(1) Hunting. **Subject to the below exception,** no person shall hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, reptile or bird, nor shall any person remove or have in his possession the young or any wild animal or the eggs, nest or young of any reptile or bird, nor shall any person collect, remove, have in his possession, give away, sell or buy or offer to sell or buy, or accept as a gift, any specimen, alive or dead, of any of the group of tree snails. However, snakes known to be deadly poisonous, such as rattlesnakes, moccasins, coral snakes or other deadly reptiles, may be killed on sight.

Exception: the limited hunting of white-tailed deer by crossbow or long bow may be permitted within the City under the following terms and conditions:

(a) The Police Chief or his designated representative may, in his sole discretion, issue a Municipal Deer Control Permit to a qualified archer applicant (engaged to assist property owners aggrieved by deer damage);

(b) As a corollary to and following the issuance by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources of its own Deer Damage Control Permit or license to allow only bow-hunting (long bow and crossbow) of white-tailed deer;

(c) In areas of not less than five (5) contiguous acres by a qualified archer, on such forms and subject to such rules and regulations as the Chief may prescribe;

(d) Hunting shall be conducted from an elevated platform only;

(e) Written permission from the property owner(s) has been obtained;

(f) Qualified archer shall be defined as an individual having obtained an approval/certification from approved archery proficiency test site, valid Ohio hunting license, if applicable, and all other state requirements.

(g) Compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the City and State;

(h) All applicants shall agree, in writing, to defend and indemnify the City for any negligent acts committed by the applicant.

(i) Any other requirements as deemed necessary to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents as determined solely by the Chief of Police.

(j) Chief of Police is hereby authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provision of this section and all other rules and regulation necessary to insure public health and safety.

(k) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02.

Section 2. In order to defray the expenses incurred with the management of this program, a fee of $150.00 per qualified archer applicant is established and must accompany any application for the Municipal Deer Control Permit.

Section 3. The City in cooperation with ODNR and the Division of Wildlife will explore and strive to adopt long term non-lethal options for deer population control including but not limited to contraception, sterilization, relocation and/or such other methods as may provide the necessary relief in non-lethal methods and on a cost-effective basis.

Section 4. No other method for the control of the deer population is permitted other than such as is authorized herein; all other provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma not specifically modified herein shall remain unaffected by these measures and fully enforceable.

Section 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 6. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to make the amendments to the Code to reduce and control the over-population of white-tailed deer in the municipality, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: June 20, 2016

/s/ Sean P. Brennan
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Kenneth A. Ramser
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: June 23, 2016

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: June 21, 2016

/s/ Timothy DeGeeter
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO

185.031 FEES OF THE POLICE CHIEF.

Municipal Deer Control

Permit application fee $75.00

(Ord. 62-96. Passed 3-18-96; Ord. 72-16. Passed 6-20-16; Ord. 121-17. Passed 7-10-17.)