

ORDINANCE NO. 125-23

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.21 ENTITLED
“HUNTING PROHIBITED” AND REPEALING SECTION 618.11
ENTITLED “HUNTING OR TRAPPING PROHIBITED” OF THE
PARMA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the overpopulation of white-tailed deer within the City of Parma negatively impacts public health and safety due to an excessive number of deer-related vehicular accidents, destruction of natural habitats and biodiversity, increased risk of disease transmission to humans from deer parasites, and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety considered the options to control the deer population, with the assistance and input from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and other municipalities;

WHEREAS, the City believes that a city-sponsored approach to managing the deer population is the most safe and effective strategy to manage deer;

WHEREAS, City Council desires to provide the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety with an effective, flexible, and feasible tool to address deer overpopulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That only that portion of Section 618.21 “Hunting Prohibited” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, as it existed heretofore, is hereby amended to read as Exhibit “A”.

Section 2. That Section 618.11 “Hunting or Trapping Prohibited” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, as it existed heretofore, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. 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 the 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 4. 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 due to the upcoming deer hunting season, 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: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO