

CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS

Municipal Deer Control Permit

Information Sheet

The following information will help guide you through the process of obtaining a Municipal Deer Control Permit. Included in this packet is a copy of Codified Ordinance 618.16; please make sure that you are familiar with it prior to hunting deer in the City of Parma Heights.

The package includes the following forms, which must be properly completed, signed and notarized (if indicated) and returned:

- Municipal Deer Control Permit Application**
Must contain requested information and property owner(s) signature(s) for every property listed.
- Property Owner Permission and Agreement Form(s)**
Must have a signed agreement for each property contained within in the total acreage - minimum 5 contiguous acres. (ALL owners holding title to the property, as recorded by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer, must sign agreement)

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

- Registration fee of \$150
- 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 homeowner/renter insurance policy indicating personal liability insurance coverage of at least \$100,000
- Signed and approved archery proficiency certification from Gander Mountain*
- Map of property with boundaries outlined and GPS coordinates of approved platform

Prior to the issuance of a permit, a visit to the property will be conducted by the Chief of Police or 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. In addition, the Chief of Police may impose any other requirement, condition or restriction deemed necessary to protect the safety and well-being of the residents.

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

Gander Mountain
2695 Creekside Drive
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087
330-405-2999

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 designee. In addition, notifications will be required as stated below:

- 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 also shall submit a completed Harvested Deer Check Form to the Police Department. The permit holder shall remove all deer carcasses and remains from the hunting site.

Obligations under this permit include:

- submitting a log of animals removed under authority of this permit within the time limitations as set forth by the Ohio Division of Wildlife;
- being able to produce this permit and any state issued permit upon request while operating under this permit; and
- ensuring that all equipment used while operating under this permit is removed from the property no later than two weeks after the expiration of this permit.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, you may contact the office of the Chief of Police at 440-885-3880.

**Mail completed application and all necessary documents noted above to:
City of Parma Heights Police Department
6184 Pearl Road
Parma Heights, Ohio 44130**

Property Owner(s) Permission and Agreement Form

Whereas, the **Property Owner(s)** wishes to permit the **Hunter** to hunt on the below referenced property in accordance with Parma Heights Codified Ordinance 618.16, 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;
 - 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 designed 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 without the written permission of the City of Parma Heights and the **Property Owner(s)** or **Lessee** of such building or residence;
 - The **Hunter** agrees to report any form of harassment to the Parma Heights 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 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 **Property Owner(s)** shall require the **Hunter** to notify the *City of Parma Heights Police Department* prior to hunting;
 - The **Hunter** shall remove entrails from the property, unless otherwise agreed by the **Property Owner(s)**;
 - The **Property Owner(s)**, **Hunter** and *Chief of Police or 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 5 acres) unless otherwise determined by the *Chief of Police or designee*;
 - The *Chief of Police or 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 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 Deer Check form must also be submitted to the *Parma Heights Police Department* within 24 hours.

- The **Hunter** shall notify the *Chief of Police or 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 Heights*, 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 Heights Police* officers or any other person designated by the *Chief of Police* 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: (____) _____

X _____
 Property Owner Signature

X _____
 Property Owner Signature - Additional owner

Property Owner Name(s): _____ / _____

Property Address: _____ County Auditor's Parcel # _____ - _____ - _____

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 -

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS, SECTION 618.16 HUNTING PROHIBITED 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 plants, 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 Heights 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 Administration, working in conjunction with ODNR 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 ODNR 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 Heights, Part Six General Offenses Code, Chapter 618 Animals, Section 618.16 Hunting Prohibited 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 HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, Section 618.16 of the Codified Ordinances of City of Parma Heights, is amended as follows:

618.16 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. However, nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the killing of rats and other undesirable rodents authorized to be killed by the Chief of Police using means for such killing which are also authorized by the Chief.~~
- ~~(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02.~~
- (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 as follows:**
- (1) 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;**
- (b) As a corollary to and following the issuance by the ODNR 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, a 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 or damages 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 regulations necessary to insure public health and safety.*
 - (k) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the killing of rats and other undesirable rodents authorized to be killed by the Chief of Police using means for such killing which are also authorized by the Chief.*
- (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.*

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 Heights not specifically modified herein shall remain unaffected by these measures and fully enforceable.

Section 5. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of this municipality and for the further reason that it is necessary to provide for a definition for owner; wherefore, it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____

MAYOR

Municipal Wildlife Control Permit

This permit is issued to:

(Name) () (Phone Number)

(Street Address) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Beginning Date:

Expiration Date:

This permit is valid for the following activity:

Limited bow hunting of white tailed deer

This permit may be utilized ONLY on the following properties:

Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Address
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

Special Conditions:

I certify that I understand the provisions of this permit as regulated under city ordinance 618.16. I also understand that I must adhere to any state rules or laws pertaining to hunting as set forth in Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code or any other rules enacted in accordance with those chapters.

(Signature of Permittee)

(Date)

Approved by:

(Signature of Chief of Police or designee)

(Date)

Permit Conditions

Anyone operating under this permit must possess a copy of this permit; must produce the 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 this 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 this permit, including, but not limited to tree stands and ladders, no later than two weeks after the expiration of the 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 designee is a requirement which must be met prior to obtaining this permit.

Hunters operating under this permit shall notify the Parma Heights Police Dept. at 440-884-1234 prior to hunting each 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 designee.

Anyone operating under this permit shall immediately remove any carcasses and entrails from the permitted property. Animals may not be field dressed in view of the general public.

Hunters shall immediately notify the Parma Heights Police Dept. if an animal being hunted under this 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 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 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 Heights, its employees, officers and agents 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.

City of Parma Heights, Ohio
Harvested Deer Check Form

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 _____

Within 24 hours of harvesting, please submit one form for each deer harvested to the Parma Heights Police Department, 6184 Pearl Rd., Parma Heights, Ohio