

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 134

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.12(c) OF CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS OF PART SIX-GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR HUNTING WHITE-TAILED DEER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

**Section 1.** That Section 618.12(c) of Chapter 618 of Part Six-General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville, be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**618.12 HUNTING OR TRAPPING PROHIBITED.**

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(c) 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 Chief of Police 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) only as a corollary to and following the issuance by the ODNR of either its own Deer Damage Control Permit or hunting license, **if applicable under State ODNR regulations**, for the applicable white-tailed deer hunting season to allow only bow-hunting (long bow and crossbow) of white-tailed deer.
- (2) The Municipal Deer Control Permit shall be limited to areas of not less than **five-(5)-three (3)** contiguous acres by a qualified archer(s), on such forms and subject to such rules and regulations as the Chief of Police may prescribe.
- (3) Hunting shall be conducted from an elevated platform only.
- (4) Written permission from the property owner(s) must be obtained.

- (5) A qualified archer shall be defined as an individual having obtained ~~an approval/ certification from an approved archery proficiency test site,~~ a valid Ohio hunting license, if applicable, and all other applicable State requirements.
- (6) Compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the City and State is required.
- (7) All applicants shall agree, in writing, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City for any negligent acts committed by the applicant.
- (8) Any other requirements as deemed necessary to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents shall be determined solely by the Chief of Police.
- (9) The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, and all other rules and regulations necessary to insure public health and safety, all of which shall be published.
- (10) 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 of Police.
- (11) **In order to defray the expenses incurred with the management of this program, a fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) per each qualified archer applicant is established and must accompany any application for the Municipal Deer Damage Control Permit.**

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~~(Or. 2016-101. Passed 6-6-16.)~~

**Section 3.** That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** 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 5.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is necessary to amend the terms and conditions for the issuance of deer damage control permits. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Kenneth M. Dooner  
 President of Council

Approved: James B. Brewer  
 Mayor

Date Passed: July 17, 2017

Date Approved: July 18, 2017

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Daymut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DeMio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dooner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schonhut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attest: Chimee Pientka  
 Clerk of Council

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