

# CITY OF STRONGSVILLE

## 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 618.12; please make sure that you are familiar with it prior to hunting deer in the City of Strongsville.

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. Applications will be accepted from June 1<sup>st</sup> through the end the deer archery season as set by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources each calendar year. Allow at least 14 days for processing of permit

☐ **Property Owner Permission and Agreement Form(s)**

Must have a signed agreement for each property contained within the total acreage – minimum 3 contiguous acres. (*ALL* owners holding title to the property, as recorded by the Cuyahoga County Auditor, must sign agreement)

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

- ☐ A non-refundable \$35.00 application fee
- ☐ Legible photocopy of State of Ohio hunting license and deer permit
- ☐ Legible photocopy of applicant's driver's license or state ID card
- ☐ Map of property with boundaries outlined and location of approved platform indicated (GPS coordinates preferred.)

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.

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](http://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.

The City of Strongsville Deer Harvest Check Form may be submitted:

- In person at the Strongsville Police Department.
- By Fax, to the Strongsville Police Department, at 440-238-1642, Attn. Sgt. Derek Apo
- By email to [derek.apo@strongsville.org](mailto:derek.apo@strongsville.org)

Obligations under this permit include:

- First deer harvested must be an antlerless deer.
- 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 please contact:

- Sgt. Derek Apo at 440-580-3230 ext. 5248, [derek.apo@strongsville.org](mailto:derek.apo@strongsville.org)
- Or
- Ptl. Luke Berry at 440-580-3230 ext. 7118, [luke.berry@strongsville.org](mailto:luke.berry@strongsville.org)





# Application City of Strongsville Municipal Deer Control Permit

## 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

Parcel numbers and addresses of properties to be included on Municipal Deer Control Permit (minimum 5 acres)  
If more than 5 parcels, ☐ check here. List additional parcels numbers with corresponding owner signatures on back

1.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Property Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) Signature(s)			
2.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Property Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) Signature(s)			
3.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Property Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) Signature(s)			
4.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Property Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) Signature(s)			
5.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Property Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) Signature(s)			
6.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) signature(s)			
7.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) signature(s)			
8.	Auditor's Parcel Number	Property Owner(s) Name & Street Address	# Acres
Property Owner(s) signature(s)			



## Application City of Strongsville Municipal Deer Control Permit

### Section 3: Type of Permit

☐ Hunting

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

☐ Yes (if yes, application is due 15 days after issuance of the Deer Damage Control Permit)

☐ No (if no, application deadline is August 15)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 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 Strongsville Codified Ordinances 618.12, 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 Strongsville and the **Property Owner(s)** or **Lessee** of such building or residence;
- The **Hunter** agrees to report any form of harassment to the Strongsville 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 Strongsville 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.





City of Strongsville

City Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 618.12. 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 Strongsville Police Dept. at 440-580-4500 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 Strongsville 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 Strongsville, 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 Strongsville, Ohio  
Harvested Deer Check Form

Hunter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Hunter Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Deer Harvest Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_

Deer Antlers?

YES	NO
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*(Circle One)*

Within 24 hours of harvesting, please submit one form for each deer harvested to:

Strongsville Police Department  
18688 Royalton Rd  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

#### **618.12 HUNTING OR TRAPPING PROHIBITED.**

(a) No person shall hunt or trap animals or fowl within the Municipality, except that law enforcement officers, health officials, persons possessing a nuisance trapping permit issued by the Division of Wildlife of the State of Ohio, and a resident using a live box trap trapping on property which he owns or permanently occupies may trap wildlife or animals constituting a nuisance; and except as provided in division (c) of this Section.

(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 any such trap;
- (2) Use a box trap or a trap approved by the Division of Wildlife of the State of Ohio; and
- (3) Release such animal outside the City limits within twenty-four hours of trapping or in accordance with State of Ohio, Division of Wildlife regulations.

(Ord. 2016-101. Passed 6-6-16.)

(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 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 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.

(Ord. 2017-134. Passed 7-17-17.)

(d) Whoever violates any provision of divisions (a) or (b) of this Section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Whoever violates division (c) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

(Ord. 2016-101. Passed 6-6-16.)