



THE BOROUGH OF
CHESTER

CONTROLLED DEER HUNTING PERMIT APPLICATION

Borough of Chester

50 North Road, Chester, NJ 07930 – (908) 879-3660

Applicant Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

New Jersey Driver's License: _____

Vehicle #1 Plate Number: _____ Vehicle #2 Plate Number: _____

List your appropriate hunting license and permit numbers for the 2023 – 2024 season.

Hunting License Number: _____

Zone Permit Number: _____

READ THIS STATEMENT AND SIGN BELOW: I, the undersigned, understand that all rules and regulations established by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Borough of Chester are to be observed. I understand that it is my responsibility to learn the locations of park boundaries and safety zones. I understand that I shall carry the approved permit while hunting on Borough property and I shall identify myself and my vehicle to any law enforcement officials or Borough agents. I understand that the Borough of Chester has the right to restrict or cancel the program at any time when conditions warrant. In consideration of the acceptance of this application, I waive and release all rights and claims for damages against the Borough of Chester and its employees and agents for any and all injuries which may be suffered by my participation in this program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please return this completed application, copies of your hunting license, driver's license and \$25.00 fee to the Borough Clerk, Robin Ghebreal.

ORDINANCE 2018-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER, MORRIS COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER BY AMENDING CHAPTER TO ENTITLED “DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM”.

WHEREAS, municipalities are empowered to make, amend, repeal, and enforce its ordinances pursuant to Statute (N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, municipalities are required by Statute to follow specific procedures for the passage of ordinances (N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to amend the Borough Code to create a deer management program for municipal owned property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Chester, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. A new chapter is hereby adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

§ 1: Purpose; findings.

A. The goal of the management program is to manage the deer population on Borough-owned open space land without excessively conflicting with open space users and/or neighbors. The specific objective of the program is to reduce the population of white-tailed deer on Borough-owned tracts, and to reduce agricultural crop damage and motor vehicle accidents with deer. The program is designed to decrease the deer herd population on municipal lands in a manner consistent with state regulations.

B. Although the presence of hunters on open space areas does not present a real danger to visitors based on hunting accident statistics, enjoyment for many visitors is reduced by the known presence of hunters, by the sight of hunters, and by the sight of dead deer or deer viscera. This Chapter is intended to balance hunting and management activities with continued passive recreational uses of municipal owned lands.

§ 2: Hunting regulations; dispersal of permits.

A. The Borough hereby designates three (3) hunting areas located on the Borough-owned open space lands located at 50 North Road, Chester Borough. Two (2) of the hunting areas shall be reserved for hunting by Borough residents. The third hunting area shall be a management area with hunting limited to Borough employees, and controlled by the Borough Department of Public Works supervisor.

B. White-tailed deer hunting will be open on said Borough land for three (3) specific seasons as established by the New Jersey Fish and Game Council, and as further established annually by the Borough via resolution adopted by the Borough governing body.

C. A limited number of hunting permits will be available for Borough-owned land by Borough residents. The Borough shall issue no more than two (2) permits for each season to Borough residents by lottery for

use of the two of the zoned hunting areas. Once an individual's name has been drawn from the lottery for a particular season, that individual cannot be re-drawn for other hunting seasons during that year's hunting season, unless there are there are less than two (2) applications submitted for the seasonal permit lottery.

D. Hunting is limited to bow and arrow and crossbow, only. There shall be no hunting permitted on Borough owned property with a firearm of any kind.

§ 3: Licenses and special regulations.

All hunters applying for a municipal hunting permit must possess all appropriate licenses and zone permits issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife for white-tailed deer hunting in the aforesaid Borough land assigned to each hunter with a Borough controlled hunting permit.

§ 4: Borough permit availability.

A single permit is valid for one (1) hunting season.

§ 5: Fees; permit purchasing.

The cost for each permit cost be \$25.00 and shall be paid within five (5) days of notification that the permit applicant has been selected in the lottery. No permit fee shall be required of a municipal employee.

§ 6: Requirements.

A. All state hunting regulations, licensing requirements and permit requirements shall be in effect on Borough owned lands open to hunting. Hunters are responsible for obtaining and learning state regulations and Borough open space regulations. All hunters acquiring a Borough controlled hunting permit shall attend a mandatory, pre-season safety awareness meeting to be announced when hunting permits are issued. Hunters seeking a Borough permit shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, with no criminal history, a valid license from State Fish and Wildlife, and pass a designated proficiency test.

B. Hunters shall be required to park their designated vehicles in appropriate parking lots and shall display a parking placard issued by the Borough in the front windshield. Hunters shall carry the required permits at all times while hunting on these lands and shall produce the permits for spot check inspection by officials of the Chester Police Department and/or the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Hunters shall contact the Borough's Public Works supervisor and sign the hunter's logbook each time they arrive for and depart from hunting activity. When hunters take a deer on Borough property, they shall report the date of taking, and size and sex information, together with a photograph of the deer and tag, to the Borough's Public Works supervisor at the conclusion of their hunting activity.

C. The use and/or construction of permanent tree stands are prohibited. Hunters found using a permanent tree stand will be subject to prosecution pursuant to Subsection E herein and termination of the permit issued. Portable tree stands are allowed, but are used or left unattended at the user's risk. The permit holder's name and permit number must be on the stand in an obvious location. Screw-in tree steps must be removed at the end of the permit season or when the tree stand is moved. Deer feeders are permitted, but must be removed by the final day of the hunter's permit.

D. Possession of a permit to hunt on Borough-owned land does not give hunters permission to cross private property. Hunters are responsible for knowing the boundaries of Borough land, as well as safety zones.

E. Hunters in the controlled hunting program who receive summonses for hunting violations committed on Borough-owned park lands will have their hunting privileges revoked for two (2) years and

face a fine of up to \$1,000. Hunting privileges will be permanently revoked for a second offense and face a fine of up to \$2,000.

F. Non-hunting visitors are encouraged to wear blaze orange and confine visits to Sundays during the hunting season.

G. Hunters shall be required to shoot one (1) antlerless deer before shooting a antlered deer (buck).

H. As a condition of issue of permit, each hunter shall be required to execute a Release to the Borough of Chester.

I. Lotteries required pursuant to this Chapter shall be conducted by the Borough Clerk from qualified applicants.

J. Hunters shall remove all entrails and visera from Borough property and properly dispose of same off premises.

§ 7: Borough Employee Hunting permits. The hunting of white tail deer by Borough employees shall be subject to all of the limitations, restrictions, and requirements of this Chapter, unless it is stated therein they are exempt. Borough employee permits are further subject to the foregoing;

A. No more than three (3) municipal employee hunting permits shall be issued by lottery for each of the three (3) hunting seasons established above.

B. Only one municipal employee shall be permitted to hunt on Borough property on any given date. If two or more employees wish to hunt on the same day, one employee shall be selected by lottery.

SECTION 2. If any Chapter, Article, Section or Subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction such decisions shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or rules or regulations of the Borough of Chester, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Dated: July 17, 2018

Janet Hoven, Mayor

Attest:

Denean Probasco, Municipal Clerk

NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chester, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, held on the 17th day of July, 2018, and the same came up for final passage at a meeting of said Borough Council on August 14, 2018 at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the Borough according to law. By order of the Borough Council of the Borough of Chester, County of Morris and State of New Jersey.

Denean Probasco, RMC
Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER, MORRIS COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING PART II (GENERAL LEGISLATION), CHAPTER 111 (DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER.

WHEREAS, municipalities are empowered to make, amend, repeal, and enforce its ordinances pursuant to Statute (N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, municipalities are required by statute to follow specific procedures for the passage of ordinances (N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council adopted a deer management program for Borough owned property which has been codified in Part II (General Legislation), Chapter 111 (Deer Management Program) of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the safety of the public using and accessing Borough owned property during hunting season, it is necessary and appropriate to amend Chapter 111 to require a 24-hour notice of intent to hunt on Borough property, and designate the Public Works Superintendent as the person responsible for management of Borough hunting areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Chester, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that Part II (General Legislation), Chapter 111 (Deer Management Program) of the Borough Code is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: § 111-6 (**Hunting Regulations; dispersal of permits**) is hereby amended to include the following new subparagraph:

K. Hunting permit holders shall give the Borough's Public Works Superintendent at least twenty-four (24) hours prior notice of when the permit holder intends to hunt so as to allow for adequate public notice of the hunt to those who enter upon of the Borough property that a hunt is in progress.

SECTION 2: Chapter 111 shall be amended to include a new Section 111-8 as follows:

§ 111-8 (Management of Designated Borough Hunting Areas).

A. The Superintendent of the Borough's Public Works Department is designated as the person responsible for management of authorized hunting areas, to whom hunters are to report and give notice of the taking of deer, and who shall designate or approve appropriate parking areas to be used by hunters.

B. The decision of the Borough's Superintendent of Public Works may be appealed to the Borough Administrator.

SECTION 3. If any Chapter, Article, Section or Subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction such decisions shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or rules or regulations of the Borough of Chester, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Dated: October 5, 2021

Janet Hoven, Mayor

Attest:

Denean Probasco, Municipal Clerk

NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chester, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, held on the 5th day of October, 2021, and the same came up for final passage at a remote meeting of said Borough Council on the 4th day of November, 2021 at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the Borough according to law. By order of the Borough Council of the Borough of Chester, County of Morris and State of New Jersey.

Denean Probasco, Municipal Clerk