

City of Newark, Ohio
Urban Deer Hunting Program
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

- 1) Meet minimum acreage requirements (properties may join together if contiguous)
- 2) Complete Property Owner Application (for each property)
- 3) Sign Hold Harmless Agreement (all property owners must complete and sign one)
- 4) Once the application and hold harmless are completed and returned to the Division of Police Program Coordinator, a registration number will be issued to your property.

If you do not meet the acreage requirements, please get with your neighbors to meet the minimum requirements. Applications will not be processed for those properties that do not meet the requirements contained in the current approved Urban Deer Hunting Regulations.

All hunters on your property must comply with the regulations of this Urban Deer Hunting Program. As property owners you may control which dates and hours the hunters are on your property and may impose additional requirements, those agreements will be between you and the hunters. Additional requirements cannot be in conflict with the program regulations and State law, but may be in addition to them.

If you have a hunter which you know that meets their bag limit and wish to have another qualified hunter assigned to your property, please contact the coordinator to have a hunter assigned to you so more deer may be taken.

**City of Newark, Ohio
Urban Deer Hunting Program
Application for Property Owners**

Property Owner Information

Name:

Address:

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

Email:

Address of property (if different from above): _____

- My property meets the minimum acreage requirements to participate in the program.
- My property does not meet the minimum acreage requirements but contiguous properties are joining together to meet the requirements (each property must complete a separate application and sign the Hold Harmless Agreement).
- I already know a hunter or hunters who wishes to hunt my property (reminder ALL hunters MUST meet the requirements in the current Urban Deer Hunting Regulations to hunt on your property) Please list the hunters who will be hunting your property

- I wish to be assigned a qualified hunter to hunt my property.

If contiguous properties join together to meet the minimum acreage requirements, please turn in all paperwork as one packet. Applications will not be processed that do not meet the minimum requirements.

Upon signing this, I agree that I have read and understand the rules and regulations regarding the Urban Deer Hunting Program in the City of Newark. I also understand that any violation of the rules and regulations will result in the revocation of my property registration and possible arrest as well as suspension of my participation in the Urban Deer Hunting Program in Newark indefinitely.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CITY OF NEWARK URBAN DEER HUNTING PROGRAM
Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement
(Property Owners)

In connection with permission to allow property to be used for the hunting of deer in accordance with the Newark Urban Deer Hunting Program authorized under the Newark Codified Ordinances and any permits or licenses issued by or on behalf of the City of Newark, the undersigned agrees as follows:

1. The undersigned hereby releases, waives, holds harmless and forever discharges the City of Newark, the Newark Division of Police, as well as its officers, employees and/or agents ("Releasees"), from any and all charges, claims, damages, demands, obligations, actions, causes of action, expenses, costs, attorneys' fees and liabilities of any kind or character for or on account of any matter, cause, action or thing _ whatsoever: (a) arising out of or in any way relating to hunting within the City of Newark; or (b) for allowing and permitting the property to be used for hunting. The undersigned affirms that he/she is the property owner(s) at the below identified address and expressly assumes the risk of any and all harm, claim for bodily injury, death or property damages that may arise out of use of property for hunting within the City of Newark.

- 2. The undersigned agrees to indemnify Releasees from any and all liability, loss, damage, claim for damage, actions, causes of actions, expenses, costs or attorneys' fees of whatsoever kind or character resulting from the same deriving directly or indirectly from bodily injury, including death, or property damage to the undersigned's person or property caused by negligence, acts, omissions or otherwise in the course of or as a result of the undersigned's participation in the Hunting Program.

The undersigned Property Owner(s) hereby declares that he/she has read and understands this Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement.

PROPERTY OWNER(S)

ADDRESS

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that on this ___ day of _____, 20___
_____(Property Owner) personally appeared before me and acknowledged the execution of this Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement to be their voluntary act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal on the day and year last above written.

NOTARY PUBLIC

City of Newark, Ohio
Urban Deer Hunting Program
REGULATIONS
2024-2025 Season

All approved hunters have permission to hunt deer within Newark city limits: **September 28th, 2024 through February 2nd, 2025** provided the rules and Regulations below are followed. This hunting permission may be revoked at any time without cause on the order of the Mayor, Chief of Police, or their designees. These rules and regulations apply to all hunters and property owners within the city limits of Newark, even while hunting on your own property.

Proficiency Test:

1. Hunters must pass an authorized archery proficiency test each year with the weapon they will use to hunt in the City of Newark. The tests will only allow for a maximum of two attempts each year to successfully complete the test. **Shots will be unassisted from a standing position.**
2. The test will consist of 6 consecutive shots into a six (6) inch circle: From a distance of 20 yards. The hunter must score a 100%. Similar proficiency testing from other cities may be accepted at the discretion of the Police Department Hunt Coordinator. These proficiency tests must have been completed within one year of this current hunting season or you must also show proficiency with the City of Newark. **Reminder, all hunters who participated last year must pass a proficiency test each season.**

The Make/Model of the archery equipment used will be documented, including type of arrows used.

3. Pro-Formance Archery, 2984 Mt. Vernon Rd (St Rt. 13) will administer the proficiency test. The cost will be applicable range fees, paid to Pro-Formance Archery at the time of the test. Participants are welcomed and encouraged to remain after the test as the range fee is charged per hour. Please contact them for hours of operation and open range times so as not to conflict with any scheduled events at the business. The employees of Pro-Formance Archery who administer the proficiency test will have the final say as to your proficiency. Other proficiency options may be set up prior to the hunting season at the discretion of the City of Newark.

4. If you change to a different style or brand of bow during the season, you must re-qualify with the new bow before resuming hunting. Changing arrows, broadheads, or any other minor equipment changes do not require a requalification.

Regulations:

1. All hunters are required to have all necessary licenses from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
 - a) Prior to final application approval, hunters must possess a valid 2022-2023 hunting license and at least ONE valid deer permit.
2. All hunting laws of the State of Ohio must be followed.
3. Preference will be given to Hunters who work or reside within the geographical limits of the City of Newark.
4. Applicants can have no previous wildlife violations of any kind.
5. Hunters must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age to apply and participate in the lottery for city owned and controlled properties. Hunters 14 (fourteen) years of age and older may hunt on private properties throughout the city, while accompanied by a non-hunting adult. The non-hunting adult must be with the youth hunter at all times while hunting. Youth hunters must possess a valid State of Ohio hunting license and applicable deer permits unless exempted while hunting on their own property. All youth hunters must have previously passed the State of Ohio Hunter & Trapper Education Course and attach proof at time of application.
6. All hunters must comply with requests/directives given by city personnel while bowhunting on city or county property.
7. All hunters must surrender their name and hunter identification number to any city, state or county personnel upon request.
8. Only bow hunting (long bow or cross bow) will be permitted. State of Ohio requirements for minimum/maximum draw weight will be utilized.
9. When bowhunting within the city limits during the following dates, hunter orange must be worn in accordance with State game laws.

Youth deer gun: Nov. 19-20, 2022

Deer gun: Nov. 28-Dec. 4, 2022

Deer Gun: Dec 17th-Dec18th, 2022

Deer muzzleloader: Jan. 7-10, 2023

10. No hunting within 200 feet of pedestrian/bicycle paths.
11. When within 200 feet of a residence or occupied structure, shots **must not** be taken in the direction of the residence or structure.
12. **Hunters must harvest 1 (One) antlerless deer, within the city limits of Newark, before they can receive authorization to harvest an antlered deer.** Requirements for antlered and antlerless deer are located in the State of Ohio hunting rules and regulations. "Accidental" antlered deer kills out of sequence will result in the immediate revocation of the hunters permit and subject the hunter to possible criminal prosecution and other state sanctions and penalties.
13. Trail cameras or any other type of photographic equipment for the purpose of patterning of deer are authorized only while hunting on private property and only with permission of the property owner.
14. Bait may be used under the following conditions:
 - Bait sites cannot be permanent
 - Bait sites may not be more than 3ft x 3ft in total area
 - Automatic/timed feeders are authorized only while hunting on private property and only with permission of the property owner. These may only be utilized during the hunting season and are prohibited outside of those dates. Automatic Feeders may not be located within 200 feet of a street or roadway.
 - The bait material may be of any natural food type found regionally
 - The volume of bait on the ground at any hunting site cannot exceed two gallonsThe purpose of a bait site is not to supplement the animal's diet, their purpose is to increase accuracy, to prevent the wounding of animals and increase the harvest rate.
15. Any deer taken within Newark's city limits **MUST** be properly tagged and immediately transported to the Newark Police Department to be checked for count and gender verification prior to any additional State mandated checking procedures.
16. Harvesting of albino or piebald deer is prohibited.
17. Approved hunters will be assigned a number; this number must be present and visible on all arrows used for bowhunting within the City limits of Newark.
18. No parts or remains of harvested deer shall be left uncovered in the field

19. If an arrow is lost or if a deer is injured and unclaimed, please contact Officer Mike Lake, 740-334-0013 immediately to report the incident. Text message is fine.

Hunters found in violation of any of these rules will be subject to having their permission revoked. Also hunters violating the terms of the program may be subjected to criminal prosecution. Any violation of the program rules and regulations will be a violation of hunting within the city limits of Newark 618.20, a first degree misdemeanor. Additional state sanctions and penalties may also apply.

20. **Tree Stands**

- a. All shots must be made from an elevated stand/position toward a deer that is not more than 60yds from the hunter's location.
- b. Elevated stands must be at least Ten (10) feet off the ground.
- c. The elevated stands must be portable with no permanent stands erected.
- d. There can be no screw in steps, with no nails or lag screws driven into trees.
- e. Tree stands can be erected no sooner than one week prior to local season and must be removed no longer than one week after.
- f. Safety restraint systems must be used at all times.
- g. To prevent theft and assist in recovery, all measures to properly mark and identify your hunting equipment should be taken.

Tree Stand Exemption: Due to the amount of theft of hunting equipment in hunting zones 1-4, ground style hunting blinds may be utilized at the hunter's discretion. Ground blinds must be transported into and out of the hunting zones each day. Hunting blinds must be marked with hunter orange of some type. (Nearly all commercial blinds are equipped with hunter orange tabs, if your blind is not equipped with them, hunter orange must be added to make it visible)

The use of ground blinds are prohibited in all other areas of the city.

Land Owners

Hunting is only allowed on land with written permission from the property owner. All hunting parcels of land must be greater than three (3) acres and must be approved by the Chief of Police, City of Newark Deer Hunt coordinator or his designee.

Property owners of less than three (3) acres may join together, provided that properties being joined are contiguous and not separated by a road and all owners agree in writing that hunting may take place upon their combined properties.

Written permission will be maintained on file by the Newark Police Department and will be updated annually. Certain restrictions may apply to some parcels of land.

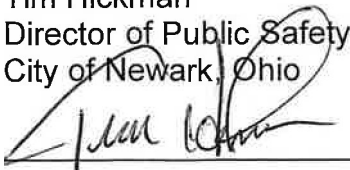
The Chief of Police or his designee may approve property less than three (3) acres if safety issues are not a factor.

Property owners must comply with all applicable laws and regulations to permit hunting on their own property and register their property with the Police Department prior to hunting taking place. Property owners may permit, limit, or revoke hunting permission at any time during the approved season.

The leasing/renting of land or exchange of commercial services to persons for the purpose of hunting is strictly prohibited. Landowners or hunters may not profit financially from this hunting program in any way.

The undersigned, as the City of Newark Director of Public Safety, hereby adopts the City of Newark, Ohio, Division of Police, Urban Deer Hunting Program in accordance with the City of Newark Ordinance 09-48 on this 28th Day of July, 2022

Tim Hickman
Director of Public Safety
City of Newark, Ohio

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hickman', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.