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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

Municipal Deer Management Permit Information Sheet

This packet includes both an overview of the City of Mount Vernon's Deer Management Program and the application for a City Deer Management Permit (Chapter 149, Codified Ordinances). Submitting the application does not grant permission to hunt. You may hunt within city limits only after you meet all requirements and the City issues you an **orange** City Permit.

The following items are needed to process the **Deer Management Permit application**:

- **The completed and signed Deer Management Permit Application**

This will include an affirmation of proficiency that the applicant has read the rules and regulations of the City's Deer Management Program, is familiar with their archery equipment, maintains at least \$100,000 in personal liability coverage, and holds the City harmless as the applicant engages in this program.

- **Property Owner Permission and Agreement Form (2 pages)**

A signed agreement for each property accessed must be acquired. The signer of the agreement must be the property owner of record by the Knox County Auditor. These files will remain with the Safety-Service Office. The property owner will receive a copy as well.

- **Copy of State of Ohio hunting license**

If the only property included in the application is owned by the applicant, their spouse, or parents then proof of successfully passing a hunter education course, or other pre-approved equivalent type of safety training, is required. The City is under a "controlled" hunt status and permits three deer in addition to the county-designated bag limit. Only one antlered deer is permitted to be harvested annually regardless of jurisdiction.

- **Copy of applicant's driver's license or state ID card**

- **Permit Fee**

\$20 for a Knox County resident, \$100 for out of county applicants

For questions regarding the application process or local regulations for the City of Mount Vernon's Deer Management Program, please contact the **City's Safety-Service Office** at **740.393.9520**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or email **SafetyService@MtVernonOH.gov**



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RULES & REGULATIONS

Please carefully read these rules and regulations for the
City of Mount Vernon's Deer Management Program
before completing the application:

- **Age:** Hunters must be 18 or older.
- **Notify the landowner:** Tell the property owner before heading out each day and again when you finish.
- **Method:** Legal archery equipment only (e.g., compound, recurve, crossbow).
- **Hours:** 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
- **Carry documents:** Keep your Ohio hunting license, landowner permission letter(s), and all required permits with you and present them to any police officer or wildlife officer upon request.
- **Hunter education (owner-occupied parcels):** If the only property listed is owned by you, your spouse, or your parents, you must only provide proof of a hunter education course or a City-approved equivalent. Those hunting under "landowner status" are not required to complete a hunter education safety course by Ohio law, however, the City requires this for a city permit.
- **Safe Shots:** Hunters shall not take any shot within **thirty (30) yards** of an inhabited dwelling, building, or public roadway. Always be sure of your target and beyond!
- **Report harvests:** Check the deer with the State (www.ohiogamecheck.com or **1.877.TAGITOH**) and notify the City's Safety-Service Office within 48 hours (**740.393.9520** or safetyservice@MtVernonOH.gov).
- **Field dressing:** Dress game discreetly on the owner's property and remove remains unless the owner agrees otherwise.
- **No trespassing:** Do not enter adjoining properties, including City property, without permission.
- **If a wounded deer leaves the property:** Immediately contact the Safety-Service Office (**740.393.9520** or safetyservice@MtVernonOH.gov). After hours/weekends, leave a voicemail or email with the details and the properties involved. You may retrieve the deer **only** with the other property owner's permission. Owners **may** deny access; the City **will not** remove deer that cannot be retrieved.
- **Hunter Parking:** Park only in areas designated by the Property Owner or in legal public parking areas, and display the green City-issued hunter placard in the vehicle's windshield while hunting on private property.
- **Remove equipment:** Take all equipment (e.g., tree stands, ladders) off permitted areas within two weeks after the season closes.

These rules supplement ODNR regulations. All hunters must comply with Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code; Chapter 149 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon (Ordinance 2025-25); and any other applicable state or local laws. The City's Hunting Rules and Regulations and Ordinance 2025-25 are available at www.MtVernonOH.gov. The Safety-Service Director or his designee reserves the right to refuse or revoke any hunting permit as necessary to ensure the safety of the City and the Residents.



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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

Cell Phone Number

Home Address

City/Zip

Email Address

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT

I affirm that I am familiar with and proficient in the safe operation of my bow/crossbow, understand its effective range, and will use safe, elevated down-angle shots in compliance with City rules and ODNR regulations.

I have and will maintain at least \$100,000 in personal liability coverage. I understand this is often included in homeowners or renters insurance, and I will confirm with my insurer that hunting activities are covered. I will provide proof on request. Lack of coverage may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

I understand only archery hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted during the regular seasons as set forth by the ODNR and not within 30 yards of any inhabited dwelling, building, or roadway. I will secure permission before accessing any property that is not my own and will treat that property with care and leave it as I found it. No hunting may occur on city-owned property. All harvested deer will be reported to both the state and city within the legal timeframes. I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Mount Vernon, its employees, agents, and representatives from liability arising from my activities, as allowed by law.

All information I provide is true. False statements are punishable under the City's Codified Ordinances and are grounds for denial or revocation. I understand City Ordinance Chapter 149 and will follow all applicable state hunting laws, including ORC Chapters 1531 and 1533, and related rules.

Printed Name and Signature of Applicant

Date

ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION:

- **Property Owner Permission and Agreement Form (2 pages)**
- **Copy of State of Ohio hunting license** (or proof of hunter education course/other pre-approved equivalent safety training)
- **Copy of applicant's driver's license or state ID card**
- **Permit Fee** (\$20 for a Knox County resident, \$100 for out of county applicants)



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PROPERTY OWNER(S) PERMISSION & AGREEMENT FORM

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HUNTING PERMISSION AND LIABILITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the **PROPERTY OWNER(S)** wishes to permit the **HUNTER** to hunt on the referenced property in accordance with Chapter 149 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon; and **WHEREAS**, the **PROPERTY OWNER** and **HUNTER** desire to establish terms and conditions for such hunting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the **PROPERTY OWNER** grants permission to the **HUNTER** to hunt on 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 all terms herein and in Ordinance 2025-25 are satisfied.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The **HUNTER** shall not take any shot within **thirty (30) yards** of an inhabited dwelling, building, or public roadway.
- The **HUNTER** shall use only lawful archery equipment in compliance with state and local law.
- The **HUNTER** shall field dress harvested deer discreetly and confirm with the **PROPERTY OWNER** whether entrails may be left on the property or must be removed.
- The **HUNTER** and **PROPERTY OWNER(S)** accept full responsibility for all activities under this agreement and agree to act in a safe, legal, and responsible manner.
- The **HUNTER** and **PROPERTY OWNER(S)** further agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Mount Vernon, its employees, officers, and agents from all liability related to personal injury, property damage, loss, or expense, including damages, legal fees, and defense costs, arising from permitted archery activities.

Hunter Name

Hunter Signature

Date

Property Owner Name(s)

Parcel Number(s)

Hunting Property Address

Property Owner Contact Number

Property Owner Mailing Address

Property Owner Signature(s)

Date



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HUNTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

As a guest on the Property Owner's land, the HUNTER agrees to:

- Park only in areas designated by the Property Owner or in legal public parking areas, and display the **green** City-issued hunter placard in the vehicle's windshield while hunting on private property.
- Conduct themselves in a safe, legal, and ethical manner at all times.
- Treat the Property Owner's land with respect, refrain from littering, and leave the property in the same condition in which it was found.
- Assume full responsibility and liability for any injury or damage to property or persons arising from their activities.
- Remove all equipment from the property no later than two (2) weeks after the end of the hunting season.
- Field dress harvested deer only in a discreet manner, not in view of the public, and remove entrails from the property unless the Property Owner has expressly permitted otherwise.

Signature of **HUNTER**

PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The PROPERTY OWNER agrees to:

- Limit the number of hunters on the property to a maximum of two (2) at any given time, unless otherwise authorized by the Safety-Service Director.
- Permit entry onto the property by the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Safety-Service Director, and/or a designated game warden for purposes of enforcement, if necessary.
- Notify both the HUNTER and the City Safety-Service Office immediately if permission to hunt has been modified or revoked.

Signature of **PROPERTY OWNER(S)**

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Upon permit approval, copies of the executed agreement shall be mailed to both parties at the addresses listed on page one of this agreement.