

AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING AN URBAN DEER
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKERSBURG HEREBY ORDAINS that an Urban Deer Management Program be and it is hereby established as follows:

Urban Deer Management

- (a) Urban hunting conditions. An urban deer hunt shall be lawful in the City of Parkersburg only under the following conditions:
1. Hunting shall be by permit only issued under the terms of this chapter.
 2. The hunt shall be for deer only.
 3. **Archery only season.**
 4. Hunting may occur only on property with the written permission of the property owner and on city owned property which has been designated as available for hunting by the City Public Works Director.
 5. All deer harvested must be legally checked at an official game checking station and reported to the City.
 6. No hunting may take place within 150 feet of a dwelling or other occupied building.
 7. No hunting shall take place closer than 500 feet from the property boundary of school property which contains a school building. For purposes of this section "school" means a public school or private school during periods when students are in attendance or participating in school activities.
 8. Persons shall at all times when hunting pursuant to a city permit carry a valid photo identification, a copy of their city permit and their West Virginia state hunting license.
 9. The transportation of a deer carcass along any public right-of-way is prohibited unless it is covered or hidden from public view.
 10. All West Virginia hunting rules and regulations apply to hunting within the City.
 11. Any hunting activity including but not limited to field dressing or other handling of a carcass, must occur on the property specified in the city permit.

12. All hunting shall be conducted from an elevated portable tree stand that is at **least eight (8) feet** in height and faces the interior of the property. The stands and shooting lanes will be located in such a way as to direct arrows to the interior of the property.
13. Hunting may take place on tracts of three contiguous acres or more within a sufficient distance from the boundary that **an arrow shot in a hunting situation cannot reasonably travel** outside permitted tract. Each tract must be approved by the City Public Works Director.
14. **A property owner can designate and limit other persons allowed to hunt his or her land with a permit.**
15. The City will be responsible to dispose of any wounded deer or deer carcass found on non-permitted property.
16. Hunting shall be allowed during the maximum time period permitted under state law and regulations promulgated by the West Virginia Division of National Resources for an urban deer hunt.

(b) Permits

1. In order to obtain a permit the applicant must meet and have evidence of compliance with all applicable state statutes, regulations and rules applicable to deer hunting with a bow and arrow. The City may impose additional requirements for a hunting permit and may limit the number of permits to be issued.
2. The City may charge an administrative fee for permits not to exceed \$25.00 per permit.
3. The City Public Works Director is hereby authorized (i) to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations including the setting of license fees to regulate bow hunting and (ii) to select the tracts to be authorized for hunting as permitted herein.
4. The City shall post the location of tracts approved for hunting on its website.

(c) Donated Meat. Hunters are and shall be encouraged but are not required to donate the harvest to programs or organizations that will provide the meat to needy persons.

(d) Violations. In addition to any penalties for violations of state hunting laws or regulations, any person violating this Section or the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per offense

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management program.


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2011, as amended:

Adopted final reading June 28 2011


Mayor Robert D. Newell

An Ordinance Amending and Re-Enacting Section 959.08 of Article 959,
Parks and Recreation Facilities, of the Codified Ordinances of The City of Parkersburg



BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKERSBURG that
Section 959.08 of Article 959, Parks and Recreation Facilities, be and it is hereby
amended and
re-enacted to allow limited hunting with bow and arrow during the City urban deer hunt
and as follows:

**959.08 ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN NATURE PRESERVE AND CONSERVATION
PARKS.**

The following activities are prohibited in a Nature Preserve and Conservation Park:

- (a) No hunting or fishing. However, hunting of deer by bow and arrow is permitted during, but only during, the City urban deer hunting season and only in those areas designated and approved by the City through its Urban Deer Management Program.
- (b) No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park.
- (c) No littering.
- (d) No discharge of firearms except by duly authorized law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.
- (e) No vehicular traffic, motorized or otherwise, except police, public service and public safety vehicles.
- (f) No physical changes, temporary or permanent, public or private, are to be undertaken in the park, including but not limited to, landfill, excavation, drilling, mining, roadway, building or construction of any kind, without first receiving the approval of the Director of Public Works, excluding:
 - (1) Off-street parking areas at the entrance(s) to the park in accordance with Article 1363.
 - (2) Hiking trails as constructed and maintained by the City or its representative.
 - (3) Wooden informational or directional signs limited to four square feet in area as constructed and maintained by the City or its representative.
 - (4) Barriers to prevent unauthorized access of vehicular traffic into the park as constructed and maintained by the City or its representative.
- (g) Such other activities as are prohibited in other parks of the City by ordinance or any regulation lawfully promulgated for the regulation of parks.

Sponsored by Councilmen Reed, Joyce, Kimes, Rockhold and Lynch

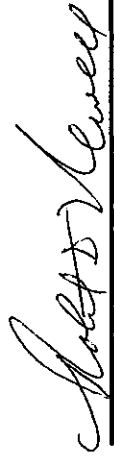
This section is amended by the addition of the underlined portion as set forth above

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Ord. amending Art. 959.08
Activities Prohibited in Nature
Preserve and Conservation Parks –
by allowing hunting of deer only
during the City Urban Deer hunting
season.

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Adopted final reading Aug. 23, 2011



Mayor Robert D. Newell

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An Ordinance Amending and Re-Enacting Section 505.21,
City Designated A Bird Sanctuary, of Article 505, Animals and Birds,
of the Codified Ordinances of The City of Parkersburg

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKERSBURG
that section 505.21, City Designated A Bird Sanctuary, Article 505, Animals and Birds,
be and it is hereby amended and re-enacted to allow limited hunting with bow and arrow
during the City urban deer hunt and as follows:

505.21 CITY DESIGNATED A BIRD SANCTUARY.

- (a) The City is hereby designated and declared to be a bird sanctuary.
- (b) No person shall trap, hunt, shoot or molest in any manner whatever, any wild bird, fowl or other animal in the City. However, if starlings, pigeons or similar wild birds or animals congregate in a particular place or area in such numbers that they constitute a nuisance or hazard to the health or property of any person, then such person or Health Officer may take such action in the premises as may be necessary or appropriate to eliminate such nuisance or hazard after first obtaining the written permission of the Police Chief as to any such proposed action and provided that such action is supervised by the Chief or his duly designated subordinate officer. The Police Chief may consult any local society or agency interested in the humane treatment or conservation and preservation of wild birds, fowl, and other animals respecting the matter of what action might be necessary or appropriate in a given case. Further, hunting of deer by bow and arrow is permitted during, but only during, the City urban deer hunting season and only in those areas designated and approved by the City through its Urban Deer Management Program.

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This section is amended by the addition of the underlined portion as set forth above.

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Designated a Bird Sanctuary – by
allowing hunting of deer only during
the City Urban Deer hunting
season.

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