

CITY OF NORTH MUSKEGON
MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. _____

THE CITY OF NORTH MUSKEGON ORDAINS:

The City of North Muskegon Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34 is amended as follows:

Sec. 34-143 is amended to read the following:

Section 34-143. - Hunting

- (a) Ducks and waterfowl. During the hunting season for ducks and waterfowl, it shall not be a violation of this provision for hunters engaged in that sport to shoot or discharge firearms of the type usually used in hunting waterfowl from blinds located along the shores of Muskegon Lake and Bear Lake, or anchored in the waters of such lakes offshore, within the corporate limits of the city.
- (b) Deer. The city may allow limited and controlled bow (bow/archery/cross-bow) hunting within the boundaries of the city for the purposes of limiting the urban deer population that may cause a threat to the safety of vehicular travel, damage public and private landscaping, impact the health and regeneration of native vegetation, decrease the overall health of the deer population, and increase the risks of cervid disease transmission.
 - 1. *Deer Management Area (DMA)*. An area of public or private land(s), designated and authorized annually by the Police Chief, consisting of at least five (5) contiguous acres encompassing no more than two (2) parcels, located within the City of North Muskegon, where deer hunting may occur. City staff shall make recommendations regarding appropriate areas, the number of hunters per area, and coordinate with private land owners as applicable.
 - 2. Licensed bow/archery hunters, meeting the requirements established by the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), may hunt antlerless deer within those parcels of land designated as Deer Management Areas within the City of North Muskegon, under all the following conditions:
 - a. Hunters must obtain a permit issued by the City for a duration not to exceed two (2) weeks. The permit application process shall include submission of fees established by the City Council, the DMA requested, applicable personal information, and consent to a background check. The Police Chief shall make final recommendations to the City Manager. Hunters requesting a DMA, which encompasses private property, will also require the landowners' consent, to be obtained prior to issuance of a permit. The Police Chief in consultation with the City Manager, shall at all times have the right to amend or revoke the permit granted.
 - b. Hunting may occur between October 15 through November 14 by persons who are at least 18 years of age and licensed for such hunting, and this license

must be carried on his or her person at all times. All hunters shall observe all DNR hunting regulations and requirements, including all safety considerations. Hunters shall not hunt within a distance of three hundred (300) feet from any building or public street, or one hundred (100) feet from any property line, whichever is greater.

c. Hunters cannot carry an uncased bow within 100 feet of any residence, road, or building. Hunters shall take all shots from a temporary elevated stand and shoot no further than 30 yards. Hunters shall receive approval of hunt location(s) on each DMA through an on-site inspection to ensure public safety.

d. Hunters shall, within 24 hours, submit to the city gender of the deer taken. At the end of the season hunters shall submit an estimated number (and gender) of deer observed each day during the season on the DMA.

3. The city reserves the right to amend the hunter registration and selection process at any time; including but not limited to, number of hunters per parcel, residency, hunter competency, selection through a random process, or other criteria as deemed in the best interest of the city.

This ordinance adopted:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Adoption Date: _____

Effective Date: _____

Publish: _____

CITY OF NORTH MUSKEGON

By _____

Lee Ann Clausen, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being duly qualified clerk of the City of North Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of North Muskegon at a regular meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, and that the original said ordinance is on file in the records of the City of North Muskegon. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, and that minutes were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

Dated: _____, 2017

CITY OF NORTH MUSKEGON

By _____

Lee Ann Clausen, City Clerk

Publish: Notice of Adoption to be published once within ten (10) days of final adoption.