



Town of Carthage

Ordinance No.

URBAN ARCHERY FOR DEER HUNTING INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to reduce urban deer populations through voluntary participation in the North Carolina Urban Archery Deer Hunting Program, which is regulated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this ordinance, deer hunting related to this program is permitted within the corporate limits of the Town of Carthage only in accordance with the following provisions:

- a. For the purposes of this ordinance, hunting is defined as, "all operations during, immediately preparatory, and immediately subsequent to an attempt, whether successful or not, to kill, pursue, or otherwise reduce to possession any deer."
- b. Hunters shall follow all state and local laws, rules, and ordinances when hunting deer within the corporate city limits.
- c. Hunting with firearms is strictly prohibited. Only archery equipment, as defined by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, is permitted.
- d. Hunting dates and times for the Urban Archery Deer Hunting Program, which are established annually by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, shall apply for the purposes of this ordinance.
- e. Hunters must have in their possession a valid North Carolina Hunting License showing completion of a hunting safety course.
- f. Hunting is allowed only on private property. Hunters must have in their possession written permission from property owner(s), dated within **one year**, to hunt on specific private property; or the hunter(s) must be the property owner(s).
- g. No hunting is allowed on publicly owned property.
- h. No hunting is allowed on private property within **500 feet** of the property line of a school, daycare center, playground, park, or other location where children are likely to be located. No hunting is allowed on, from, or across the right-of-way of any public street or highway.
- i. Hunters must hunt from an elevated platform at least **10 feet** above ground level.
- j. Hunting is allowed only on a tract or parcel of land which is at least **three or more acres**. Adjacent tracts or parcels of land may be combined or pooled to meet this requirement, with written permission from each landowner.
- k. No archery equipment may be discharged unless the hunter/shooter is located at least **100 feet** within the allowed property line. This **100-foot** buffer within each property line is an area in which no hunting may occur.

- I. A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor offense pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-4 Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the foregoing ordinance, having been submitted to a vote, was duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Jimmy Chalflinch, Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Gibson, Town Clerk

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