



## Hunters Rules and Regulations Urban Deer Management Program

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To participate in the Urban Deer Management Program within the City of New Albany, a prospective hunter must have submitted a notarized application for permit, a Release / Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement and have successfully completed the archery proficiency test. After attending the introductory meeting, the hunter must agree to all the requirements listed in the Hunting Program and follow the rules and guidelines as outlined below:

1. Hunters must be 18 years of age and are required to possess a current and valid State of Ohio hunting license and deer permit. All applicable State of Ohio hunting laws must be followed.
2. Hunters must have shown a copy of an Ohio Deer Hunting License, an Ohio Driver's License and have a notarized Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement and Hunting Application.
3. All hunters will be required to pass an archery proficiency test. Hunters who fail the archery test will not be permitted to hunt. Hunters who are successful will not have to re-qualify in the future.
4. A copy of the Hunting Permit must be with the hunter at all times. If requested by anyone, the hunter must produce this permit upon request.
5. Hunters will be selected by the City of New Albany based upon specific qualifications, including total years of hunting experience, prior urban deer hunting participation and or a law enforcement background.
6. All hunters must be approved by the police department and must have attended a City-sponsored Urban Deer Hunting informational program offered each fall before deer hunting season. This informational program outlines approved areas for hunting and provides an overview of the rules and guidelines of the New Albany Urban Deer Management Program.
7. Harvested deer must be properly tagged before removal.
8. Hunters may utilize baiting as well as spot and stalking techniques during the hunt.
9. The New Albany Deer Management hunting season will run simultaneously with the State of Ohio's deer archery season. No hunting is permitted prior to or after the designated hunting season.
10. No hunting is permitted within 500 feet of a residence, business, roadway or path designed for vehicle or pedestrian travel.
11. Hunting is permitted from approved portable tree stands.
12. Hunters will remove harvested deer in a discrete manner. All entrails will be buried or covered so as not to be seen.
13. If you hit it, you find it. If you kill it, you take it.

14. If an injured deer enters private property, the hunter must request permission to claim the deer from the property owner (resident). If unable to make contact or permission is denied, the hunter is to call the police department immediately.
15. Hunters are strongly encouraged to fill all tags and donate meat to a food bank or other charitable organizations that accept culled deer. Harvested deer can be donated at Oiler's Processing in Utica or Thurns on Greenlawn Ave at the expense of the City of New Albany.
16. Hunters are not permitted to park vehicles on harvested or un-harvested fields. The use of ATV's is prohibited.
17. Between the start of the season and November 30<sup>th</sup>, hunters may take a buck only after registering two doe kills. Starting December 1<sup>st</sup> a buck may be taken regardless of prior doe kills. "Accidental" buck kills will result in a revocation of the hunters permit.
18. Hunting is only allowed on land with written permission from the property owner. All hunting parcels of land must be greater than 5 acres and must be approved by the City of New Albany. Written permission will be maintained on file by the New Albany Police Department and will be updated annually. Certain restrictions may apply to some parcels of land.
19. Hunters are encouraged to scout the hunting areas prior to the start of the program. Finding or acquiring a suitable place to park will be necessary and the hunter's responsibility. Hunters may approach private landowners to seek permission to park on their land while hunting. Scouting is PROHIBITED once the season starts.
20. Prior to hunting in a designated area, all hunters must call the **New Albany Police Department (855-1234)** no earlier than 5:00 am and 30 minutes prior to entering the hunting zone, and provide the following information:
  - Which Zone is to be hunted
  - Where his/her vehicle will be parked and the vehicle's description and license plate number
21. At the end of each approved hunt, all hunters must call the Police Department and provide the following information:
  - How many (if any) deer were harvested and the deer's gender.
  - How many (if any) deer were injured?
  - How many (if any) arrows were lost?
22. Orange will not be required unless hunting during gun and muzzle loading season. Hunting is permitted on Sunday.
23. No more than three hunters are permitted to hunt in an approved hunting area. However, specific parcels of land may allow for additional hunters. The number of hunters per parcel shall not exceed three hunters per 5 acres.
24. Each hunter is permitted to harvest the allotted antlerless deer per season as outlined by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division.

A bow-hunting permit may be revoked at any time, by order of the Mayor, Police Officer, Chief of Police, City Administrator, or his/her designee. A deer hunting permit may be revoked for any violation of law or any violation of the rules and guidelines of the New Albany Urban Deer Management Program.