

Peer City Ordinances

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST

Sec. 20-66A. Bow Hunting Within Town Limits

Hunters may fire a manual bow and arrow (but not an automatic bow and arrow or crossbow) for the sole purpose of hunting deer within Town limits only as permitted by this Section. This Section creates an exception from the Town ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms with Town limits in Article III, Section 20-66, and violations of this Section shall subject the offender to penalties set forth in Article III, Section 20-66. Additionally, persons who violate this section shall immediately have their Town Hunting Permit revoked and will be ineligible to receive one for a period of three (3) years from the date of revocation.

(a) General

1. *Oversight.* Unless otherwise set forth in this Section, hunters must follow all federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances regulating hunting.
2. *Hunting License.* Hunters must have in their possession a valid North Carolina hunting license (issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission) showing completion of a hunting safety course, and a Town Hunting Permit.
3. *Town Hunting Permit Requirements.*
 - Presentation of a valid photo I.D.
 - A copy of the prospective hunter's valid and current North Carolina hunting license.
 - Property information if the hunter intends to hunt on private property.
 - Owner permission if the prospective hunter doesn't own the private property.
 - Payment of a fee set by the Town fee schedule.
4. *Securing the Harvest.* Hunters will make every reasonable effort to track wounded deer for the purpose of completing the harvest and recovering the carcass. In the event that a wounded deer cannot be recovered or leaves the permitted hunting tract, the hunter immediately will notify Town police to provide sufficient information to allow officers to track and recover the deer.
5. *Donations.* Hunters are encouraged to donate meat to local harvest programs or organizations that feed needy citizens.

(b) Seasons

1. *Fall Deer Season.* Bow and arrow hunting may take place during the standard fall deer hunting season as prescribed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission on designated Town property and on private property, subject to the provisions of this ordinance.
2. *Urban Archery Season.* Bow and arrow hunting may take place during Urban Archery Season, only when the Town has indicated its participation in Urban Archery Season for that particular year.

(c) Hunting Lands

1. *Private property.* Landowners may hunt on their own property, subject to this ordinance. Persons may hunt on another's property only when possessing written permission from the property owner dated within the prior eight months.

2. *Public property.* Persons may hunt on property designated by the Town for such purposes.

(d) Access

If accessing a hunting area designated in items (b) or (c) above requires passing through other private land, a hunter must receive written permission dated within the prior eight (8) months from that landowner to pass through the land into a designated hunting area.

(e) Safety.

Permitted hunters must adhere to all of the following guidelines.

- **Elevation.** Arrows must be fired from at least three yards (10 feet) above ground level and toward the interior of the hunting parcel.
- **Tract Size.** Hunting is allowed only on a tract or parcel of land (or an aggregation of contiguous tracts or parcels) that is at least five (5) acres in size.
- **Buffer.** Arrows may not be fired from, nor be propelled to within, 50 yards (150 feet) of any dwelling or road right-of-way. Arrows may not be fired from, nor be propelled to within, 100 yards (300 feet) of any daycare, elementary or secondary school, church or Town park.
- **Hours.** Hunting may take place from sunrise until sundown.

(f) Assumption of Risk

1. Notice is hereby given that the Town makes no warranties and assumes no liability for the actions of persons hunting with a Town Hunting Permit or persons allowing hunters to make use of their property for hunting or access. Nothing herein shall prevent the voluntary or contractual shifting of any risk of loss by and between the property owners and permitted hunters.

2. A person exercising privileges granted pursuant to this Section voluntarily assumes full responsibility for any risk of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, caused or incurred by the hunter and shall indemnify and hold the Town harmless from any such claims.

3. A person exercising privileges granted pursuant to this Section to use property owned or controlled in whole or part by the Town is deemed to have released, waived, discharged and covenanted not to sue the Town for any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained while participating in such activities, however caused or sustained.

CITY OF RALEIGH

Sec. 13-2029. - BOWS AND ARROWS.

(a)

The discharge of any bow, slingshot, crossbow or other such device *shall* be prohibited within the *City* limits unless carried out under the *following* restrictions and conditions:

(1)

No arrow or other missile discharged in the *City shall* be tipped with a broad head or hunting point. Only target or field points *may* be used.

(2)

No arrow or other missile *shall* be discharged on a lot located in a zoning classification allowing *residences* unless the lot is at least twenty-two thousand (22,000) square feet in size.

(3)

Any arrow or other missile discharged *shall* only be aimed at a target backed by a backstop measuring at least six (6) feet high and six (6) feet wide and of sufficient thickness to stop the passage of the arrow or other missile. In no event *shall* the thickness of the backstop be less than one (1) inch. If the lot upon which the shooting takes place contains a structure, any backstop must either be a part of the structure or else located between the user and the structure.

(4)

Anyone under the age of sixteen (16) *years* may use the implements regulated by this section only when supervised by someone at least eighteen (18) *years* of age.

(b)

The provisions of this section *shall* not be construed to prohibit the discharge of such devices at archery ranges approved by a *written* permit issued by the Raleigh Police Department. The Raleigh Police Department *shall* establish and promulgate regulations for approving such ranges within ninety (90) days from the adoption of this section. A copy of the regulations relating to archery ranges *shall* be placed on file in the office of the *City* Clerk. No archery range *shall* be approved in an area where such use is prohibited by the *City's* zoning regulations.

CITY OF GREENVILLE

SEC. 12-1-20 BOWS AND ARROWS AND CROSSBOWS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any bow and arrow or crossbow within the city unless carried out under the following restrictions and conditions:

(1) Any arrow or other projectile discharged shall only be aimed at a target backed by a backstop measuring at least six feet high and six feet wide and of sufficient thickness to stop the passage of the arrow or other projectile. In no event shall the thickness of the backstop be less than one inch. A wall of a building located upon the lot upon which the discharge takes place may serve as the backstop, provided that the wall has at least the size and thickness required by this subsection. The target shall be located at the mid-point of the width of the backstop and the base of the target shall be at ground level so that the trajectory of the arrow or other projectile is downward. The target and the backstop shall be located upon property which is owned or leased by the person discharging the arrow or other projectile or a person who has been granted written permission to discharge an arrow or other projectile on the property by the person who owns or leases the property.

(2) Anyone under the age of 16 years may discharge a bow and arrow or a crossbow only when supervised by someone who is at least 21 years of age and who is present at all times during the discharge. The person supervising is responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of subsection (A).

(3) No arrow or other projectile discharged shall be tipped with a broad head or hunting point. Only target or field points may be used.

(4) No arrow or other projectile discharged shall cross into, over or onto any property other than the property upon which the person discharging the arrow or other projectile, the target and the backstop are located unless written permission is provided by the owner or person leasing the property.

(B) The provisions of subsection (A) shall not apply to the discharge of a bow and arrow or crossbow at archery ranges established by the city, East Carolina University, Pitt Community College or the Pitt County School system or other comparable private school or at an archery range which has been permitted for an archery range in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of Greenville, North Carolina. No arrow or other projectile discharged at an archery range shall be tipped with a broad head or hunting point. Only target or field points may be used.

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The provisions of subsection (A) shall not apply to a bow and arrow or crossbow when discharging an arrow or other projectile made of foam. (Ord. No. 06-107, § 1, passed 11-06-2006)

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Sec. 11-6. - Discharge of firearms, BB guns.

It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a law enforcement officer acting in discharge of his duties or a resident acting in defense of his own property, to discharge any gun, rifle, air rifle, BB gun, pistol or firearms of any description, within the town limits, except that, upon written permit given by the chief of police, an air rifle or BB gun may be used by a resident for the purpose of shooting squirrels or other predatory wild animals while said animals are on the property of said resident.

Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and each violation is punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days.

(Ord. of 7-10-61, § 1; Ord. No. 92-4-13/O-4, § 13)

Cross reference— Additional restrictions on possession and display of firearms, §§ 11-131 et seq.

State law reference— Permitting children to use firearms, G.S. § 14-316.

CITY OF CONCORD

Sec. 42-5. - Discharging firearms, bows-and-arrows, crossbows and other projectile weapons.

(a)

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge by bow-and-arrow(s), crossbow, gun, pistol or other firearm, BB gun, air compression gun, spring gun or other similar device which propels with force a shot, pellet or other projectile within the municipal corporate limits of the city.

(b)

Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prohibit:

(1)

Any person from discharging any firearm in the lawful defense of his person, family or property or pursuant to lawful directions of law enforcement officers;

(2)

Any sworn law enforcement officer from discharging a firearm in the performance of official duties;

(3)

Any person, corporation or organization operating a rifle, pistol, skeet or trap range or other firing range including turkey shoots, which range is substantially in accordance with specifications promulgated by the National Rifle Association or by an equivalent nationally recognized firearms safety authority for the type and caliber of firearm being fired;

(4)

Any person using, as intended, any device used for the firing of stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar ammunition;

(5)

Any person using model rockets designed to propel a model vehicle in a vertical direction;

(6)

Any person using a weapon or other instrument used to fire blank ammunition for a lawful purpose;

(7)

Any person from discharging a firearm as part of a funeral ceremony under section 26-6 of this Code;

(8)

A person hunting with a firearm on his own property or with the property owner, or on another's property in their absence if he has on his person a

valid state hunting license and written permission from the property owner;
and:

a.

The firearm discharged by the person hunting is a shotgun employing number four or higher shot or is steel shot labeled "T, BBB, or F" for taking geese;

b.

There is a valid hunting season in effect at the time the shotgun is discharged;

c.

The shotgun is not discharged within 500 feet of a dwelling house, school, church, or any other occupied building, street or road, park or recreation area or other type of public gathering place;

d.

The parcel or tract of land which the hunter owns or has permission to hunt upon is greater than 20 acres in area; and

e.

The person discharging the shotgun exhibits reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons;

(9)

A person hunting only by bow-and-arrow or crossbow on his own property, or with the property owner, or on another's property in their absence if he has on his person a valid North Carolina hunting license (or who qualifies for an exemption from licensing by the state wildlife commission) and written permission from the property owner or the property owner's authorized agent or manager; and:

a.

There is a valid hunting season in effect for which the hunting license applies at the time the crossbow or bow-and-arrow is discharged;

b.

The bow-and-arrow or crossbow is not discharged within 250 feet of a dwelling house, school, church, or any other occupied building, street or road, park or recreation area or other type of public gathering place;

c.

The parcel or tract of land which the hunter owns or has permission to hunt upon is equal to or greater than 2.0 acres in area; and

d.

The crossbow or bow-and-arrow is discharged only from an elevated platform or stand located at least ten feet above the level of the surrounding grade or the target, whichever is less;

e.

The person operating the bow or crossbow exhibits reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons;

(10)

Any person engaged in a commercial livestock operation from using a firearm or other weapon in defending any commercial animal against any other animal.

(c)

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined \$500.00 or imprisoned 30 days, or both. Violators may be subject to a civil penalty of \$500.00 to be recovered in the nature of a debt.

(Code 1987, § 9-8; Ord. No. 10-95, § 1, 9-9-2010)

State law reference— *Discharging certain weapons into occupied property, G.S. 14-34.1; authority to regulate firearms, G.S. 160A-189.*

CITY OF KANNAPOLIS

Sec. 11-1. - Discharging firearms, etc., prohibited; exceptions.

(8)A person hunting by bow or crossbow on his own property, or with the property owner, or on another's property in their absence if he has on his person both a valid North Carolina hunting license (or who qualify for an exemption from licensing by the state wildlife commission) and written permission from the property owner or the property owner's authorized agent or manager, and meets the following requirements:

- a) Hunts from a permanent or portable elevated platform of at least ten (10) feet above the ground; and
- b) Does not discharge a bow or crossbow from an elevated platform when within five hundred (500) feet from any property line or boundary of a dwelling house, school, church, commercial building, governmental property or other occupied building, street or road, park or recreation area or any type of public gathering place; and
- c) The parcel or tract of land which the hunter owns or has permission to hunt is greater than ten (10) acres in area; and
- d) There is a valid hunting season in effect for which the hunting license applies at the time the bow or crossbow is discharged; and
- e) The person discharging the bow or crossbow exercises reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons.

March 18, 2013

Deer Management Committee: Meeting Notes

A committee of City/County staff and stakeholders met on March 18, 2013 to explore options for managing the deer population in Durham. Meeting attendees included:

- Deborah Craig-Ray, County Manager's Office
- Sara Childs, Duke Forest
- Judd Edeburn, Duke Forest
- Douglas Daye, North Durham Resident
- Will Wilson, Duke University
- Don Hilke, Durham Hunter
- Eric Steinbicker, Durham Hunter
- Jason Allen, NCWRC District Biologist
- Lt. John Pinner, Sheriff's Office
- Emily Leik, County Manager's Office

Options for Managing Deer Population

- Toxicants
- Fertility control
 - GonaCon is the only federally approved contraceptive for white-tailed deer, but it is not allowed in North Carolina at this time.
 - It is very costly (~\$1,000 per deer)
- Trap and translocate
 - Costly
 - Survival rate is low due to trauma
 - Illegal in NC
- Trap and kill
 - Costly (~\$300 per deer)
 - NCWRC would be required to approve of this
 - Public concern about killing still present
- Sharpshooters
 - Must pay the hunters
- Recreational hunting
 - Most effective method
 - Recommended by the NCWRC
 - Private permission required to hunt on private property
 - Sheriff's Office reports no firearm or archery hunting-related incidents. Only reported injuries come from hunters falling from their platform.
 - Use of dogs was prohibited in 2001. Sheriff's Office is opposed to use of dogs at this time.

NC Regions and Hunting Season

- NCWRC is doing research to determine optimal hunting seasons for deer, and is expected to make changes to the season dates in the next couple of years.
- As it stands now, the NCWRC is unlikely to approve of extending the hunting season, citing that the current season is liberal.

Deer Management in Duke Forest

- Duke's deer management program is in its 5th year
- Season runs from mid-September thru mid-December
- Program designed to maximize safety (elevated platforms, 200 ft. buffer zone)
- Hunters are required to check-in and identify where they will be hunting
- Hunters must also document wildlife per their agreement with Duke
- Hunters mostly take does. Taking bucks is permitted, but must use their own tags
- Administrators of the program find this strategy to be effective, though they do believe that there is room for improvement
- This method may be effective for larger State or County-owned parcels of land.

Processing Deer

- One of the cited reasons for not hunting is that there are no local processors that will process the entire deer.
- If there was a way for hunters to drop off their kills at a local processor, they may be more likely to hunt deer.
- The meat from these processors may be donated to food banks. The "Hunters for the Hungry" program allows hunters to bring their kill to processors, who then deliver the meat to food banks.
- Piedmont Food & Ag Processing Center
(<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/farms/PFAP/index.asp>) does not appear to process deer.
NC deer processing centers include:
<http://www.ncagr.gov/MeatPoultry/pdf/Deer%20Processing%20Plants.pdf>. There are no Durham addresses listed.