

ORDINANCE No. RO-11-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 106 “HUNTING ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY”

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington Code sets forth limitations with regard to the ability to hunt, harm or kill any animal life while on any Township owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received inquiries regarding issuance of permits to individuals wishing to hunt on Township owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the requests and determined that issuance of individual permits for hunting on Township property should be allowed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE. A new Chapter 106 “Hunting on Township Property” shall be added to read as follows:

Chapter 106 Hunting on Township Property

§ 106-1 Purpose.

Bow hunting on Township owned property shall be permitted in accordance with this Chapter and the rules and regulations established by The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Township owned properties upon which hunting will be permitted shall be designated by resolution of the Township Committee.

§ 106-2 Discharge prohibited; exception.

The discharge, firing or use of any bow and arrow for hunting is prohibited on Township property except where a permit has been issued for doing so upon Township property as designated by resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington. The places designated are those in which permits issued by the Township shall be effective, and no person shall discharge, fire or use any bow and arrow in any other area or location in the Township. Such areas designated for hunting are subject to change and revision from time to time by resolution of the Township Committee as growth and development would cause such areas to be deemed unsafe for the purpose of hunting.

§ 106-3 Permit required.

No person shall hunt or discharge a bow and arrow within any area in the Township of Washington wherein hunting is permitted by ordinance, unless a permit has been obtained from the Township of Washington. The issuance of such a permit shall be in the discretion of the Chief of Police of the Township of Washington in conjunction with the Washington Township Land Trust of Morris County, Inc. (“Land Trust”).

The permitting process shall be administered for the Township by the “Land Trust”.

§ 106-4 Application for permit.

A. Any person desiring to make application under § **106-2** of this Chapter for a permit to hunt on Township Property shall complete and file an application with the Washington Township Administrator, on forms provided by the Township. The application will be forwarded to the Land Trust and the process administered through the Land Trust. Said person will then be investigated by the Detective Bureau and its recommendations made to the Land Trust within 30 business days.

B. The fee for said permit shall be \$80 (\$50 for the Land Trust for administration of the program; \$20 for sticker/placard/registration card; \$30 for the Township).

C. One (1) permit shall be issued per fifteen (15) acres of Township owned property upon which hunting will be allowed.

D. No permit shall be issued unless the applicant specifically states in the application where the hunting activity is to take place and over what period of time, and provides proof of having a State-issued bow hunting license.

§ 106-5 Permit renewal.

Any person having made an application and having been granted a permit may annually thereafter renew said application and permit by a written request to the Township Administrator, which request for said renewal shall be forwarded to the Land Trust for review and action. Each application for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$80.

§ 106-6 Expiration of permit.

All hunting permits shall be for a period of one year from September 1 of one year expiring on August 31 of the following year. Permits shall be valid for hunting during the hunting seasons as established by the State of New Jersey.

§ 106-7 Violations and penalties.

Any person or persons hunting on Township owned property without the requisite permit or violating the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

SECTION TWO. RENUMBERING. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

SECTION THREE. SEVERABILITY. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION FOUR. REPEALER. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of Washington Township held on September 21, 2020, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Washington Township Committee to be held on October 19, 2020 **at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance. In the event public facilities remain closed as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting and public hearing will be held electronically using a cloud-based audio-conferencing tool with computer and telephone access. Access directions will be published on the Township's website www.wtmorris.org.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ATTEST:

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

By: _____
Matthew T. Murello, Mayor

The foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington on October 19, 2020.

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk