

## **Byram Township Deer Management Program on Township Owned Land – 2021-2022**

### **Introduction:**

The deer management program on municipally owned land was implemented in 2013 via ordinance number 2-2013. The ordinance laid out the purpose and implementation of the deer management program.

Byram's Deer Management Program on public land is limited to bow only. The 2021-2022 season will be limited to the following tracts: Tamarack Park, Glenside Woods, Cranberry Overlook, Briar Ridge North and Briar Ridge South. Properties may be open or closed to hunting based upon recommendation of the Open Space Committee.

### **Licenses Requirements:**

Byram Township is located in Deer Management Zone 6 and is covered under Regulations Set #4. All hunters must possess all the appropriate licenses, zone permits, issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. All hunters must follow the guidelines as outlined in the Byram Township Code Chapter 182, Article IV entitled Deer Hunting on Municipally Owned Property, and the laws as outlined by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife listed below:

<https://www.ecode360.com/28029330>

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/deer.htm>

[https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/2020/deer\\_regs\\_archery20-21.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/2020/deer_regs_archery20-21.pdf)

Hunting on municipally owned land is by permit only. Permits must be attained prior to hunting on municipally owned properties. Permits can be obtained at no cost at Town Hall located at 10 Mansfield Drive, Stanhope, NJ 07874.

### **Township Permit Application Requirements**

1. Perspective hunters must complete and application. Applications are available at Town Hall in the Clerk's Office and on the Township website. Licenses will be issued by a designee of the Township Manager.
2. A photocopy of their driver's license or other government issued photo ID.
3. The applicant's license plate number and car registration.

4. Copy of current New Jersey bow and arrow license and/or all-around sportsman license.
5. A signed certification that the applicant is not prohibited by law from possessing a bow and arrow and has not been convicted of any felonies. Any applicant who is prohibited by law from possessing a bow and arrow or has been convicted of a felony shall not be eligible for a permit.
6. Participating hunters must sign a waiver, indemnification clause and release of liability agreement.
7. Any hunter who has violated local regulations pertaining to parks or hunting will be disqualified.
8. Applicants **MUST SUBMIT** a Harvest Report at the end of the hunting season. New permits will not be issued without having submitted a Harvest Report the previous season.

**Rules and Regulations:**

1. All hunting must be conducted in compliance with all of the laws, rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Byram.
2. Permittees will possess/display their permit on their person and/or on their vehicle dashboard while hunting.
3. Permits are nontransferable.
4. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only the property designated as open for hunting by the Township of Byram and shall be responsible for knowing where they are at all times.
5. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted: the hunting shooting, killing, harvesting, trapping and pursuit of other wildlife is strictly prohibited.
6. All season and bag limits are set by NJDEP regulation.
7. All hunting will be from an elevated position either natural or artificial. Only portable stands that do not harm the trees shall be permitted. All stands should be removed daily. Fell arrest safety harness protections shall be used when utilizing tree stands. Vegetation removal for stand access should be minimal.
8. Motor vehicles shall be restricted to public roads.
9. Target practice is strictly prohibited. For the purpose of this ordinance, discharging a crossbow into a target at the end of a hunt for the purpose of uncocking the crossbow shall not be considered target practice.
10. Safety zones must be observed. Safety zones shall be 150 feet from the property line in Byram Parks.
11. Hunters are not authorized to utilize or cross private property without permission of the land owner.

12. Any permit issued by the Township of Byram may contain such additional conditions as the Township of Byram and Police Department determine are reasonably required to ensure the safety of the Township's residents, including but not limited to limiting days and times during which the permittees may hunt and restrict the areas on which the permittees may hunt.
13. Permits shall be valid only during the applicable State approved deer hunting seasons, as said dates may be amended from time to time by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Game Council.
14. Each hunter must file an annual harvest report by March 31 of the calendar year succeeding the permitted hunt season, reports can be mailed or emailed.
15. Byram Township Police Department or the Township Manager reserves the right to suspend the hunt and cancel permits for any season when it is deemed necessary.

### **Revocation of Permit**

The Township Manager and/or the Police Department shall be authorized to revoke a permit issued hereunder at any time if the safety of any persons or the safety of any persons or the safety of personal property, including that of the Township, is threatened. A designee by the Township Manager may also make recommendations to revoke any permit. Violations by any permittee of any significant State or local rules and regulations pertaining to hunting or use of parkland shall also cause the permit to be revoked. Where such permit has been revoked or where persons or personal property are endangered as set forth above, the Township Police Department is authorized to require that such person(s) leave the area immediately and take all steps necessary to eliminate the condition which endangers persons or personal property.

### **Violations and Penalties**

Violation of this Ordinance, any special conditions or any applicable State or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges on the property and subject the hunter to any applicable penalties.