

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOSTERING DISCLOSURE AND A FORUM

R# 157-15

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

Resolution Offered by Council Member Schulstad

Date: 10/19/15

Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Resolution Establishing a Wildlife Management Plan within the Borough of Saddle River

WHEREAS, the Saddle River Borough Council amended Chapter 109 of the Code of the Borough of Saddle River to allow for the discharge of weapons in accordance with a wildlife management plan lawfully adopted by resolution of the Saddle River Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River may regulate the discharge of weapons to protect the safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Saddle River Board of Health declared in October 2014 that the deer population in the Borough of Saddle River is a public health risk and that urgent action must be taken to reduce the deer population; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River, County of Bergen that an individual (hereafter "hunter") is authorized to discharge a bow arrow or bolt for the purpose of hunting deer under the following conditions:

- (a) The hunter is at least 18 years old and possesses a valid deer hunting license issued by the State of New Jersey.
- (b) The bow is discharged on land owned by the hunter or by a hunter in possession of a current and valid letter demonstrating the prior written permission of the landowner.
- (c) All discharge of bows is conducted in a manner providing the proper safeguards for the protection of life and the property of others.
- (d) The discharge of a bow is fully compliant with the laws of the State of New Jersey and all wildlife management regulations adopted by the Saddle River Borough Council.
- (e) The discharge of a bow is conducted from an elevated position with the bow aimed downward towards the ground.
- (f) The bow's arrow or bolt is not fired across a property boundary line unless the property owners on both sides of such property line have granted prior written permission allowing such activity.
- (g) The hunter has provided the Saddle River Police Department notification at least 72 hours in advance of the intention to discharge a bow. This notification shall include the

name(s) and license number(s) of the bow hunter(s) and the period of time that the hunting will occur.

- (h) The hunter shall use best efforts to notify the owners of all contiguous properties at least one week in advance of the date of bow discharge. Notification via registered and return receipt U.S. Mail will be considered to be one notification method that qualifies as best efforts under this section. Notification shall include a written request to allow the hunter to track an injured deer across a property boundary for the sole purpose of removing the deer in a safe and convenient manner. In no event shall permission to cross a boundary be construed to allow the discharge of a weapon on such property unless prior permission of the landowner is specifically granted.
- (i) In the event a deer is wounded and runs to adjacent property upon which the hunter does not have prior written permission to cross onto for the purpose of retrieving the deer, the hunter shall immediately notify the Saddle River Police Department and report the location of the wounded deer and consider the matter closed. Under no circumstances may a hunter trespass onto private property for any reason without prior permission.
- (j) Each hunter who discharges a bow pursuant to this resolution must have a current sportsman liability insurance policy with no less than one million dollars of coverage. Such insurance shall be presented to the landowner prior to any bow discharge.
- (k) After a deer is harvested, the hunter responsible must remove all parts of the deer from the Borough of Saddle River.
- (l) Bow hunting on property owned by the Borough of Saddle River will be subject to the same rules as apply to private owned property. No hunter shall discharge a bow on municipal owned property without the prior written permission of the Saddle River Borough Council.

	Ayes	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Kurpis, Al, Council President	x			
Gray, Ron	x			
Jensen, Eric	x			
Kerner, Corinne	x			
Schulstad, Paul	x			
Walenczyk, Bruce E.	x			

Raia, Samuel S. - Mayor

DATE PASSED: October 19, 2015

_____ (Mayor)

_____ (Borough Clerk)