

VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO

INITIATIVE PETITION

AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO ADOPT A CONTROLLED BOW HUNTING PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES HUNTING AND KILLING WHITE TAIL DEER, REPEALING ORDINANCE 315 AND AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 137.09(D)(1) REGARDING HUNTING IN THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITIZENS OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO, THROUGH THE INITIATIVE PETITION PROCESS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 315, which prohibits hunting and fishing on public lands in the Village of Ottawa Hills, adopted June 17, 1940 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 137.09(D) of the municipal code is hereby amended through the deletion of the following language:

~~(D) Hunting near township park~~

- ~~1) No person shall hunt, shoot, or kill game within one half mile of a township park unless the Board of Township Park Commissioners has granted permission to kill game not desired within the limits prohibited by this division.~~
- ~~2) Whoever violates division (D)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.~~

and the inclusion of the following language:

**(D) Hunting**

- 1) No person shall hunt or kill game as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 1531.01 in the corporate limits of the Village of Ottawa Hills unless such activity is specifically authorized by the Council of the Village of Ottawa Hills as part of a controlled bow hunting program intended to control the white tail deer population.

Such a controlled bow hunting program shall include:

- a. A requirement that hunting and killing white tail deer within the Village shall be governed by the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Ohio, and ordinances and regulations of the Village of Ottawa Hills
  - b. A requirement that the State of Ohio provide approval to the Village authorizing any such bow hunting program.
  - c. A restriction that any program shall be limited to bow hunting only
- 2) Any person who has received written authorization from the Village of Ottawa Hills to hunt or kill game as part of an approved bow hunting program shall be exempt from the prohibitions described in section 137.09(E), as amended, while actively participating in any controlled bow hunting program authorized herein.
  - 3) Whoever violates Division (D)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.