

HIGH BRIDGE

BOROUGH

Hunterdon County, New Jersey

www.highbridge.org

Mayor Mark Desire

908-638-6455

DEER MANAGEMENT APPLICATION

Applicants must be covered by insurance for a minimum of one million (\$1,000,000) dollars of general liability.

Any applicant who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm or weapon, who has been convicted for a felony or who within three years of the date of this application, and/or has violated either the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife Code or any State or local regulation pertaining to parks or hunting shall not be eligible for this program.

The following properties have been designated Borough Wildlife Management Areas:

The Dewey Avenue Property; Block 31 Lot 14.02; Acres 44.3;

The Pfauth Property/ The NJ American Water Supply; Block 19 Lot 32; Acres 3.11;

The Springside Farm Property; Block 40 Lot 4; Acres 36.54;

The Nassau Property; Block 37 & 40 Lots 1 & 2; Acres 82.66;

Hunters shall consider all marked trails for recreation purposes as an occupied structure and subject to a 450 feet safety zone.

Applicants may select one (1) first choice property and one (1) second choice property but will be issued one permit for a selected property.

Please type or print the following information:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/ Zip: _____

Telephone No. _____ Alt. Telephone No. _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Driver's License No. _____

Vehicle Description: _____
Please include Year Make Model Color Plate No.

Hunting License No. _____

Emergency Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Property 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Please reference Ordinance 2017-02, attached, to be aware of the latest updates and changes to wildlife management. The Ordinance supersedes the application information.

The above application must be completed and submitted with the following documentation:

- Copy of photo driver's license
- Copy of hunting license
- Copy of individual hunter's insurance certificate/policy
- Signed certificate of Eligibility Form and Consent to Criminal Law, Local Law and New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Code Violations History Check. (Attached)
- Signed copy of Deer Management Program Rules and Regulations (Attached)
- Signed copy of Right of Entry Agreement (Attached)
- Borough residents may buy permits for 15 days before they are open for general sales. First day for Resident sales July 15, open to the public July 31.
- Check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to the Borough of High Bridge.

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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Any applicant who is prohibited by law or court order from possessing a firearm or weapon of any type, who has been convicted of a felony, who within three years of the date of this Certification has committed any violation of New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife Law or Regular Codes, or who has violated any local regulation or ordinance pertaining to hunting or parks, shall not be eligible for this Deer Management Program.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I have not been
(type or print name)

convicted of any crime or offense and that I am no currently restrained or barred under any court-order that would prohibit me from possessing a firearm or weapon of any type. I hereby further certify that I have never been convicted of a felony. I hereby further certify that I have not committed any violation of New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife Law or Regular Codes and have not been convicted of any local regulation or ordinance pertaining to hunting or to parks within the past three years.

Signature

Date

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CONSENT TO CRIMINAL LAW, LOCAL LAW AND NEW JERSEY FISH & WILDLIFE CODE VIOLATIONS HISTORY CHECK

I hereby authorize the State or High Bridge Police Department and the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife to access and check the State and local records for the purpose of determining whether I have been convicted of any crime or offense or am currently restrained or barred under any court order that would prohibit me from possessing a firearm or weapon of any type. I authorize a check to determine whether I have been convicted of any violation of local regulation or ordinance pertaining to hunting or parks.

Name: _____

Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current New Jersey Hunting License No. _____

Signature

Date

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DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

All State and local regulations pertaining to parks and hunting apply, including specific season dates and bag limits (number of deer a hunter may harvest). In addition, the following specific regulations apply:

1. All hunters must be covered by insurance for a minimum of one million dollars of general liability.
2. Hunters are noticed that there shall be no discharge of Firearms on Borough property. While Firearm information is provided it is for informational purposes only and does not allow the use of firearms on Borough property.
3. Selected hunters may be evaluated during each year by the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife regarding their participation. Adjustments or replacements will be made accordingly.
4. All successful applicants must pass the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife hunter education course; including the written test, proficiency test and field portion of the hunter education program.
5. All successful applicants must obtain a New Jersey Hunting License.
6. All successful applicants must obtain a New Jersey Hunting Permit for each season being hunted.
7. Any applicant who purchases a firearm must have a firearm ID card. This is applied for at the local police department where you reside. You are then fingerprinted and subjected to a criminal history check (performed by the State Police), mental health records search and background check.
8. Vehicle passes will be issued with the hunter ID. This pass will contain the hunter's ID number and will be placed on the dashboard in such a manner that it can be easily viewed from the outside.
9. Tree stand passes will be issued with Hunter ID. Pass shall be secured to hunters tree stand using zip tie provided and shall be placed at a height of 3' from the ground for ladder stands and securely attached to climbing stands to be easily identified.
10. The selected hunter is not permitted to have any non-selected person other than their child with them while engaged in active hunting.
11. Hunting is restricted to the portions of the properties designated and site-specific non-transferable areas will be assigned.
12. The applicable Borough, County, and State government have the authority to stop the hunt at any given time.
13. Only deer may be hunted; any other hunting is strictly prohibited.
14. All current New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife season dates, licenses and permits apply.
15. One antlerless deer must be taken prior to the taking of an antlered deer in each applicable season.

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16. Deer must be checked in as proscribed by the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife. A secluded, secure local site for field-dressing shall be used.
17. Report of all deer harvested shall be made to the Borough at the end of each season or permit period.
18. Hunting may begin one half hour before sunrise and must end one half hour after sunset.
19. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances while on the properties is prohibited.
20. All current New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife perimeter rules apply – 450 feet for firearm and 150 feet for bow. In addition hunters shall consider all marked trails for recreation purposes as an occupied structure and subject to the 450 feet safety zone.
21. Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow on or across highways, roads or trails is specifically prohibited.
22. Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow from a motor vehicle is specifically prohibited.
23. Transporting an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle is prohibited.
24. Loaded firearms in a motor vehicle, possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking of wildlife, and is specifically prohibited.
25. Harvesting will be done from tree stands in accordance with State Wildlife Regulations, with harvesters shooting downward only, into a restricted perimeter (e.g., 40 yards maximum). Tree stands should be ten to twelve feet above ground level. Only portable stands that do not harm trees will be permitted with each hunter. All stands will be removed within 14 days of the hunter's completion or the season end.
26. Hunters must use a safety harness or belt made for tree stand hunting.
27. Hunters will not be permitted to drive or push deer.
28. No arrow will be nocked until the hunter is in position on his or her elevated deer stand.
29. All State and Local rules and regulations pertaining to parks and hunting apply.
30. Any applicant who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm or bow, who has been convicted of a felony or who within three years of the date of application has violated either the New Jersey Division of Fish & Game Code or any local regulation pertaining to parks or to hunting will not be eligible for this hunt.
31. Applicant agrees to abide by any additional rules, regulations and/or restraints set forth by the applicable Municipality, County or State government.
32. Municipal, County and State law enforcement officers will be utilized as hunt monitors to ensure safety and adherence to rules and regulations.
33. Violation of any special regulations, conditions or any applicable State law or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges for the hunter and his club on the properties and will also subject the hunter to applicable penalties.

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I _____ certify that I have read and fully understand
(print name)

the above rules and regulations and agree to abide by all State, County and the above rules set forth by the Borough of High Bridge.

Signature

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REVOCABLE HUNTING RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT & WAIVER

This Agreement entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between the Borough of High Bridge ("High Bridge"), and _____ ("Hunter").

This Agreement defines understandings which exist between the Borough of High Bridge and Hunter with regard to Hunter being allowed the privilege of hunting deer at High Bridge's property known as _____, (the "Property"), located at _____, in High Bridge Borough, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. In no order of priority:

- 1) Right of Entry; Limitations. Hunter is granted a temporary, revocable right of entry on the Property, solely for the purpose of deer hunting, for the term of this Agreement. Hunter's right of entry shall at all times be subordinate to High Bridge's convenience.
- 2) Term. The term of this Agreement shall start when it has been signed by both High Bridge and Hunter and shall end on the last day of the current deer hunting season unless terminated earlier by High Bridge. High Bridge may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without prior notice, for any reason or for no reason. Hunting at the Property is a privilege granted to very few persons, revocable by High Bridge at any time. Any non-adherence to this Agreement will be cause for immediate termination.
- 3) Licenses and Vehicles. Hunter has provided High Bridge with a photocopy of his/her driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance card, hunting license and hunting permit. Hunter represents and warrants that these are all current and valid and that he/she will keep them current and valid at all times when on the Property for the purpose of hunting. Hunter will notify High Bridge if any of these documents expires, is withdrawn or is otherwise impaired and will not enter upon the Property for the purpose of hunting unless they are all current and valid. Hunter will bring no other vehicle onto or into the vicinity of the Property for the purpose of hunting without first supplying High Bridge a copy of its registration and proof of valid insurance.
- 4) Changes in Rules; Notices. High Bridge may from time to time restrict hunting for a certain day or days, or for certain hours, and may modify, expand or otherwise amend the restrictions in this Agreement at any time by verbal communication, any form of written communication and/or by placing a notice near the entrance to the Property. Hunter accepts that it is his/her obligation to be aware of every such notice. Hunter agrees to comply with all of High Bridge's rules, immediately and without limitation.
- 5) No Assignment. The benefits of this Agreement are personal to Hunter and may not be assigned or transferred to anyone else.
- 6) Guests. Hunter may not bring any third party, including relatives, friends or other "guests", onto the Property while Hunter is on the Property for the purpose of hunting.
- 7) Laws and Regulations. Hunter shall at all times abide by all federal, State and local laws, regulations, rules and Good Safety Practices applicable to being in the woods and/or hunting.
- 8) Hunting Hours. Hunter may not begin to hunt until ½ hour before sunrise, or later if mandated by regulation. Hunter will stop hunting ½ hour after sunset, or earlier if mandated by regulation. Hunter will

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not arrive at the Property earlier than 1/2 hour before sunrise, and will be off the Property no later than 1/2 hour after sunset, or by dark, whichever comes first.

10) Full Use of Kills; Removal of Remains. Hunter, to the greatest degree practicable, will make full use of each kill.

11) Acknowledgement of and Acceptance of Hazards. Hunter acknowledges that hunting is inherently dangerous and accepts all of the risks of hunting. Hunter likewise acknowledges that the Property contains numerous hazards, discoverable and undiscoverable. Hunter accepts all of the risks of hazards on the Property.

12) Waiver of claims & Hold Harmless. Hunter will make no claims against High Bridge for any reason, no matter how arising. Hunter agrees that he/she takes full responsibility and risk relating to or arising from gaining access to the Property. Hunter will hold High Bridge free and clear of any and all risk, liability and claims no matter how arising, including but not limited to personal injury, property damage or other claims, in any way relating or referring to his/her access to the Property. This includes off-site as well as on-site issues that could arise.

13) Access To and From the Property; Boundaries. Hunter will not gain access to neighboring properties through the Property, whether the neighboring properties are properly posted for no hunting or trespassing or not. Hunter acknowledges that the property boundaries of the Property are not marked and it is his/her obligation to be informed of the property boundaries.

14) Parking. While hunting, Hunter will park his/her vehicle in areas designated for parking. The vehicle is to be visible from the main entrance of the Property whenever Hunter is on the Property for the purpose of hunting. Hunter will park so that his permit is visible from the road so that enforcement officer does not have to exit their vehicle to verify vehicle permit to hunt.

Date

(Hunter's signature)

(Typed or printed name of Hunter)

Date

(Witness's signature)

(Typed or printed name of witness)

Introduction: January 26th, 2017
Publication: January 12th 2017
Adoption: February 9th, 2017
Publication: February 2nd 2017

**BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #2017-02

**REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 120 ANIMALS AND ADDING ARTICLE V
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CHAPTER 120-40**

Whereas, the Borough of High Bridge has the need to manage wildlife on Borough Property,
and

Whereas, properties that shall be subject to wildlife management shall be:
Dewey Avenue Block 31 Lot 14.02, the Pfauth Property Block 19 Lots 68 & 32, the Springside
Farm Property Block 40 Lot 4, and the Nassau Property Blocks 37 & 40 Lots 1 & 11.01.

Therefore, Section 120-40 Wildlife Management is inserted to read:

120-40 Wildlife Management on Borough-owned Property

The Borough recognizes that wildlife cause an impact to public health, safety, and
welfare and reserves exclusive rights to manage wildlife on Borough-owned property.

120-41 Management of Wildlife

Management of wildlife on Borough-owned property shall include all legal means,
including but not limited to hunting, fencing, leasing of land to organizations for the
purpose of wildlife management, or any other means approved by the New Jersey
Division of Fish and Wildlife.

120-42 Role of the Environmental Committee

The Environmental Committee shall have the authority to recommend rules to the Mayor
and Council for adoption.

120-43 Discharge of Firearms within Borough Limits

The discharge of firearms within Borough limits is strictly prohibited. A firearm is
defined as any rifle, shotgun, pistol, or muzzle loader that uses an explosive agent to
propel an object with or without a self-contained cartridge.

120-44 Safety Zones

The Borough adopts the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife code regarding the
safety zone but adds the provision that there shall be no discharge of any weapon or
placement of tree stands within 450 feet of an active trail.

120-45 Permit Required

(A) No person shall hunt, shoot, kill or remove deer from any municipally-owned park, open space or wildlife management areas unless that person has first obtained a permit issued by the Borough for any wildlife management activity. Permits shall be carried by such person while engaged in wildlife management activity on Borough-owned properties. That person shall also be issued a permit and shall display such permit on the dashboard of a parked vehicle and affix it to all stands.

(B) Individuals engaged in wildlife management shall produce a permit on demand to any law enforcement officer, Borough employee, or lessee of Borough-owned property.

120-46 Eligibility for Permit

1. All individuals must be covered by insurance for a minimum of one million dollars of general liability
2. Permits shall be available to any holder of a valid State of New Jersey hunting license.
3. No person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm or who has been convicted of a felony shall be eligible for a permit.

120-47 Application Process

1. All applications must be submitted in writing to the High Bridge Borough Clerk in person, by the applicant, on a form promulgated by the Clerk. Those not submitted in person will not be processed. The applicant shall provide the following information:
 - a. Name, address, phone number, date of birth and social security number.
 - b. Automobile license plate number, year, make, model and color.
 - c. A New Jersey Conservation Identification Number (CID) or proof of participation in a State hunter education course.
 - d. Copies of the applicant's current and valid New Jersey hunting license(s) attached to the application in addition to copies of any applicable state-issued deer hunting permit(s) (permit bow, permit shotgun, permit muzzleloader rifle and antlered buck permits which are available for sale beginning in early September) that are required of the applicant, once these state permits are issued which may be just prior to the start of the corresponding hunting season.
 - e. A signed certification that the applicant is not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm and has not been convicted of any felony.
 - f. A release authorizing the Borough to conduct a background check for violations of the New Jersey Fish and Game Code, N.J.A.C. 7:25-5 et seq., plus N.J.S.A. Title 23 and for violations of any local regulations pertaining to parks or to hunting. Any applicant who has violated any significant provision of the Fish and Game Code, Title 23 or has violated any local regulation pertaining to parks or to hunting within three (3) years of the date of the application shall not be eligible for a permit.
 - i. Background checks will be conducted as provided by N.J.A.C. 13:59-1. Applicants will submit to procedures as determined by the State and be responsible for applicable associated fees.

- g. A copy of a current certificate of insurance confirming general liability insurance with combined single limits coverage for bodily injury and property damage of at least one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars per single occurrence and one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars annual aggregate.
 - 2. Applications shall be reviewed by the High Bridge Borough Clerk and Police Department for completeness and approval. After review, the Clerk shall either grant or deny the permit application.
 - 3. All approved permits will be issued by the Borough Clerk.
- 120-48 Permit Fees
- 1. A permit fee of \$25 is herewith established. The applicant shall submit the required fee to the Borough with the completed application. Any application submitted without the required fee shall not be processed.
- 120-49 Duration of Permit
- 1. Permits shall be valid only during the applicable State-approved deer hunting season, as said dates may be amended by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Game Council.
- 120-50 Rules and Regulations
- 1. The permittee is not permitted to have any non-permitted person other than their child with them while engaged in active hunting.
 - 2. Wildlife management is restricted to the portions of the properties designated and site-specific non-transferable areas will be assigned.
 - 3. Only deer may be hunted; any other hunting is prohibited.
 - 4. All deer must be checked using the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Automated Deer Check System.
 - 5. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances while on the properties is prohibited.
 - 8. All current New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife perimeter rules apply – 450 feet for firearm and 150 feet for bow. In addition, hunters shall consider all marked trails for recreation purposes as an occupied structure and subject to a 450 feet safety zone.
 - 9. Harvesting shall be done from elevated tree stands only in accordance with State Wildlife Regulations, with harvesters shooting downward only, into a restricted perimeter (e.g., 40 yards maximum). Tree stands should be a minimum of ten feet above ground level. Only portable stands that do not harm trees will be permitted with each hunter. All stands will be removed within 14 days of the end of the season.
 - 10. Hunters must use a safety harness or belt made for tree stand hunting.
 - 11. Hunters will not be permitted to drive deer.
 - 12. All State, County and Borough rules and regulations pertaining to parks and hunting apply.
 - 13. Applicant agrees to abide by any additional rules, regulations and/or restraints set forth by the Borough and applicable County or State government.

14. Compliance with any additional conditions as may be deemed necessary to ensure the safety of residents or other people or of property by the Borough of High Bridge Chief of Police, Borough Clerk, or Borough Administrator after reasonable notification. Such conditions may include but are not limited to limiting the days and times during which the permittees may hunt and restricting the areas within the parks, open spaces and / or wildlife management areas where hunting is permitted.

120-51 Dates and Locations for Hunting

1. The number of permits issued each year, the properties for which the permits are issued and the dates on which those properties may be hunted, shall be determined annually by resolution of the Borough Council. Notice informing the public of said designated dates and locations shall be published on the Borough website.

120-52 Revocation of Permit

1. Violation of any special regulations or conditions or any applicable State, County, Borough law or regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges for the hunter on the properties and will also subject the hunter to applicable penalties.
2. The Borough Administrator or his designee, upon the advice and recommendation of the Clerk and Chief of Police, shall be authorized to revoke any permit issued at any time if the safety of any person or property, including but not limited to that of the Borough of High Bridge, is threatened by a permittee.

120-53 Violations and Penalties

1. All State and local regulations pertaining to parks and to hunting shall remain in full force and effect and nothing herein shall be construed to abrogate the same. Violations of this section, any special condition or any applicable State, County or local law or regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges on the property through the following permit year and will subject the hunter to any applicable penalties, including but not limited to the General Penalties set forth in Chapter 1, Article II of the High Bridge Borough Code.

120-54 Enforcement

1. The provisions of this section and provisions of any rules and regulations adopted by the Borough Council may be enforced by any member of the High Bridge Borough Police Department, Administrator or Clerk.