

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
ORDINANCE NO: 19-04
(Enacted December 10, 2019)

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE HUNTING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

THE VILLAGE OF MORRICE ORDAINS:

- Section 1: Short Title: Hunting and Weapons Ordinance.
- Section 2: Purpose: An ordinance to secure the public health, safety and welfare of the residents, and property owners as well as provide for the regulation of hunting of game within the Village of Morrice.
- Section 3: Chapter XII of the 1986 Code of Ordinances for the Village of Morrice is amended as provided below:

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CHAPTER XII
HUNTING AND WEAPONS

SECTION A. HUNTING IN THE VILLAGE - No person shall hunt in the Village, except as follows:

- A. The property being hunted upon must consist of at least five (5) contiguous acres of land located within the Village limits;
- B. No person shall hunt within 450' of an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, or cabin or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation, without previously obtaining the written permission of all owner(s), renter(s), or occupant(s) of the property.
- C. If said written permission was previously obtained by the hunter, it shall be carried by the hunter during all hunting operation at said location within the Village and be available to be presented to any Morrice police officer enforcing this Ordinance.

SECTION B. USE OF WEAPONS IN THE VILLAGE

- A. No person shall draw, handle, flourish, discharge, or fire any revolver, pistol, airgun, or missile likely to do bodily injury in any public street, alley, park or congested public or private place within the Village, which might endanger the safety or welfare of others, except as provided below.
- B. The prohibition in (A) shall not apply to a citizen acting in self-defense nor to a police officer or member of any duly authorized military organization, when acting in the discharge of their official duties.
- C. This prohibition in (A) does not prevent the Village Council from granting permission for the maintenance of shooting galleries or target ranges under suitable regulations.
- D. This prohibition in (A) does not apply to a situation where a firearm or air-powered weapon described above is being discharged on property consisting of at least five (5) contiguous acres of land located within the Village limits and where both the target and the location of discharge are at least 450' from an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, or cabin or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation,

unless the discharging party has previously obtained the written permission of all owner(s), renter(s), or occupant(s) of the property within that 450' radius.

- E. In the case of a missile (crossbow and/or other bow), the prohibition in (A) does not apply to situations where missile is being discharged in such a manner as both the target and the location of discharge are at least 150' from an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, or cabin or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation, unless the discharging party has previously obtained the written permission of all owner(s), renter(s), or occupant(s) of the property within that 150' radius.

SECTION C. DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY PROHIBITED.

This section is not changed from the original ordinance.

SECTION D. SALE OF WEAPONS TO MINORS.

This section is deleted in its entirety.

SECTION E. RESPONSIBILITY.

This section is deleted in its entirety.

Section 4: Effective Date. That this Ordinance and the related rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established shall take effect immediately upon publication, except any penalty provisions which shall take effect twenty (20) days after publication, pursuant to MCL 66.1; MSA 5.1271.

Section 5: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give all provisions of this Ordinance full effect.

Section 6: Severability: If any section, subdivision, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is deemed invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance as a whole or any part other than the part deemed invalid.

The foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 19-04 duly adopted on December 10, 2019 by the Council of the Village of Morrice, Shiawassee County, Michigan, on the above stated date and that the same was published in accordance with Section 4 of the Act 3, P.A. 1895.

Post: 01/20/20

Karen McGuire, Village Clerk