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July 29, 2016

Dear Resident:

The Township of Hanover has adopted a resolution authorizing the implementation of a controlled bow and arrow deer hunt. The hunt will be held between September 10, 2016 and February 18, 2017 on Township owned property. Hunting will not be permitted on Sundays.

The resolution authorizes the culling of deer on eight (8) Township owned open space parcels designated for the hunt. The Countrywood and Trailwood deer culling areas consists of three (3) parcels. Two (2) parcels are in the Countrywood Section; they are designated as Lots 16 and 18 in Block 803. These tracts are bounded by North Belair Avenue to the north, McNab Avenue to the east; Poplar Drive to the south and Countrywood Drive to the southwest. The third parcel is Lot 6 in Block 605 in the Trailwood Section. This tract is bounded by Forest Way to the north, the vacant Route 178 and 24 rights-of-way to the south and east, and the Borough of Morris Plains to the west.

The Malapardis deer culling area consists of one (1) parcel. The parcel is designated as Lot 23 in Block 2903, and is also known as the Jefferson Woods open space area. This tract is located between South Jefferson and Malapardis roads.

The Bee Meadow deer culling area also consists of three (3) parcels. Two (2) parcels are designated as Lot 2 in Block 8104 and Lot 9 in Block 8401. These tracts are bounded by Buckingham Road and Howell Street to the north, Reynolds Avenue to the east and Parsippany Road to the west. The third parcel is Lot 12 in Block 8001. This tract is bounded by Bee Meadow Parkway to the north and Reynolds Avenue to the west. No hunting will be conducted in proximity to Bee Meadow Park, the paths around Bee Meadow Pond and any paved pedestrian paths.

Also in the Whippany Section of the Township, is the former Muscarelle tract, now owned by the Township and designated as the Hanover Meadows parcel (Lot 1 in Block 5101). This 195.15 acre tract of open space is located southeast of Crescent Drive, Lafayette Court, Adams Drive and Cove Lane Road and adjacent to Morristown Municipal Airport.

The program authorizes the Hanover Township Chief of Police to issue permits to up to thirty-five (35) bow hunters. All hunters shall comply with the rules and guidelines established by the Chief and the rules, regulations and laws of the State of New Jersey governing hunting in general.

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Please visit the Township's web site at www.hanovertownship.com and click "controlled deer hunt" to view a copy of the Township Committee's resolution and the hunting rules promulgated by the Chief of Police.

Prior to the actual culling of deer, the hunters may bait the Township parcels for a period of time. Culling activities will be conducted periodically between September 10, 2016 and February 18, 2017. The Police Chief or his designee will determine how many hunters will be allowed to hunt on a given property on any day.

The culling activities will **ONLY** take place on the eight (8) Township owned parcels mentioned above. Although all culling will take place on these open space lands, the hunters may wish to station themselves within 150' of a residence. Under new regulations adopted by the State of New Jersey for bow and arrow hunting only, hunting is prohibited within 150' feet of any structure that may be occupied, except if specifically authorized in writing by the owner or lease of the structure. If a hunter feels the best place to be positioned is within 150' of a residence, he or she will request written permission from the owner or lessee prior to taking up the position.

At any time during the culling period set forth above, property owners may direct inquiries to the Police Department by calling Captain Shawn Waldron at 973-428-2506, Mondays through Fridays, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m., inquiries may be directed to the on-duty police dispatcher by calling 973-428-2513.

The Township's controlled bow and arrow deer hunt is being conducted in order to reduce health risks related to the transmission of Lyme disease from deer to humans, limit damage to ornamental plantings within the community, reduce deer v. motor vehicle collisions, and restore native plant materials and habitat for other wildlife.

Your patience and understanding during the deer culling operation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Giorgio". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over the typed name and title of the Business Administrator/Township Clerk.

Joseph A. Giorgio, R.M.C.
Business Administrator/
Township Clerk

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c: Township Committee – Each
Chief Mark Roddy
Captain Shawn Waldron

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTROLLED BOW DEER HUNT DURING THE FALL PERMIT AND WINTER BOW SEASONS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2017 ON TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTRYWOOD, TRAILWOOD, BEE MEADOW AND MALAPARDIS SECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND DESIGNATED AS, LOT 9 IN BLOCK 8401, LOT 2 IN BLOCK 8104, LOT 12 IN BLOCK 8001, LOTS 16 AND 18 IN BLOCK 803, LOT 6 IN BLOCK 605 AND LOT 23 IN BLOCK 2903 RESPECTIVELY AND THE HANOVER MEADOWS PARCEL, BLOCK 5101, LOT 1 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MUSCARELLE TRACT) AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PROMULGATE AND ENFORCE RULES AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE CONTROLLED DEER HUNT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover has determined that the proliferation and overpopulation of white-tailed deer inhabiting the Township has caused significant damage to property, including the reduction and/or elimination of native plants, underbrush and other vegetative materials which are essential resources to a healthy environment and other wildlife as well as causing serious damage to ornamental plantings within the community; and

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of human beings is also at stake with the transmission of Lyme disease by deer, and the increasing number of injuries and even fatalities attributed to deer/motor vehicle collisions; and

WHEREAS, in past years, the Township has made a concerted effort to implement a community-based deer management program that included the distribution of deer repellent free of charge to residents, the initiation of a community education program, and the initiation of limited, controlled deer hunts on designated Township owned open space land in 2006 through 2015; and

WHEREAS, although the implementation of a controlled deer hunt by professional sharpshooters using firearms did not produce the desired result of substantially reducing the deer herds in the Countrywood and Trailwood Sections of the

Township, the governing body believes that it should authorize and continue a bow hunting program on Lots 16 and 18 in Block 803 and Lot 6 in Block 605 in the Countrywood and Trailwood Sections of the Township respectively; the Bee Meadow Park open space areas designated as Lot 9 in Block 8401 and Lot 2 in Block 8104; in the Reynolds Avenue open space preserve area designated as Lot 12 in Block 8001; and Lot 23 in Block 2903, in the Malapardis Section of the Township, and by expanding the program to include an open space parcel located adjacent to Morristown Municipal Airport and known as the Hanover Meadows parcel (formerly the Muscarelle Tract), and designated as Lot 1 in Block 5101; and

WHEREAS, hunters must possess a valid deer management hunting permit issued by the Township of Hanover and a valid Hunting License issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife as well as a Firearms and Weapons Discharge Permit issued by the Hanover Township Chief of Police, all in accordance with the permit requirements set forth in Chapter 129 of the Code of the Township entitled Firearms and Weapons, and any rules and guidelines issued by the Chief for the proper conduct of a bow hunt in the interest of protecting the safety and welfare of the Township's residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 129-2. entitled "Discharge Prohibited; Exception". under Chapter 129 of the Code, the Township Committee has reserved the right from time to time to change and revise the locations on the Township's official map where hunting may be permitted; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to amend and supplement the official Township Map by designating the following Township owned open space properties where bow hunting may take place:

- A. The Bee Meadow Park open space areas located in Block 8401 at Lot 9 and in Block 8104 at Lot 2;
- B. The Reynolds Avenue open space preserve area located in Block 8001 at Lot 12;
- C. The Countrywood open space area located in Block 803 at Lots 16 and 18;
- D. The Trailwood open space area located in Block 605 at Lot 6;
- E. The Jefferson Woods open space parcel located in the Malapardis Section and also known as Block 2903 at Lot 23 between South Jefferson and Malapardis Roads; and
- F. The Hanover Meadows open space parcel located in Whippany (formerly known as the Muscarelle tract) located at Lot 1 in Block 5101.

WHEREAS, the Township's bow hunt program shall take place during the following seasons, all in accordance with the New Jersey 2016-2017 Deer Regulation Set # 8:

- A. Fall Bow Season beginning September 10 through October 30, 2016;
- B. Permit Bow Season beginning October 31 through December 24, 2016 and December 26 through December 31, 2016; and
- C. Winter Bow Season beginning January 1 through February 18, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. For all of the reasons and justifications set forth in the preamble above, the governing body hereby authorizes a continuation and expansion of the bow hunting program to take place during the following time periods, all in accordance with the New Jersey 2016-2017 Deer Regulation Set #8:

- A. Fall Bow Season beginning September 10 through October 30, 2016;
- B. Permit Bow Season beginning October 31 through December 24, 2016 and December 26 through December 31, 2016; and

C. Winter Bow Season beginning January 1 through February 18, 2017.

2. Bow hunting will be permitted on the following Township owned open space parcels designated by the governing body, with the approval of the Chief of Police, to include the following:

- A. The Bee Meadow Park open space areas located in Block 8401 at Lot 9 and in Block 8104 at Lot 2;
- B. The Reynolds Avenue open space preserve area located at Block 8001 in Lot 12;
- C. The Countrywood open space area located at Block 803 in Lots 16 and 18;
- D. The Trailwood open space area located at Block 605 in Lot 6;
- E. The Jefferson Woods open space parcel located between South Jefferson and Malapardis Roads in the Malapardis Section and also known as Lot 23 in Block 2903; and
- F. The Hanover Meadows open space parcel located in Whippany (formerly known as the Muscarelle tract) located at Lot 1 in Block 5101.

3. Bow hunting shall not be permitted on Sundays during any of the bow hunting seasons listed in paragraph 1 above.

4. In accordance with regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, no bow hunter may carry a nocked arrow or hunt within 150' of a building or within 450' of any school, playground, even unoccupied.

5. Pursuant to Section 129-2. entitled "Discharge Prohibited; Exception." under Chapter 129 of the Code of the Township entitled Firearms and Weapons., the governing body hereby amends and supplements the Township's official map, as it pertains to the discharge of firearms and weapons within the boundaries of the Township of Hanover, to include the Township open space properties designated in paragraph 2 above where bow hunting only may take place during the period

commencing September 10, 2016 through February 18, 2017 (except Christmas Day, December 25, 2016). A copy of the Township's Tax Map depicting the Lots and Blocks mentioned above is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

6. Up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) bow hunters only shall be designated by the Chief of Police to hunt. In order to participate in the bow deer hunting program, all applicants seeking a Hanover Township Weapons Discharge Permit must possess a valid deer management hunting permit and Hunting License issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

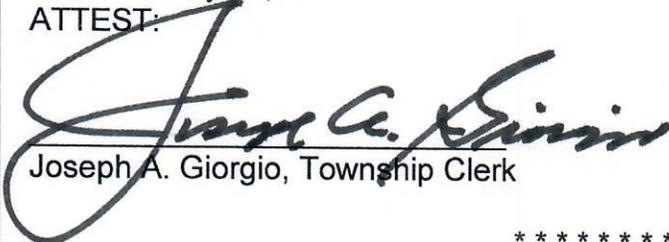
7. To protect the safety and welfare of bow hunters and residents, the Chief of Police is authorized and directed to prepare appropriate rules and guidelines for the controlled bow hunting program. All bow hunters issued a Hanover Township Weapons Discharge Permit shall comply with the Chief's rules and guidelines and the rules, regulations and laws of the State of New Jersey governing hunting in general.

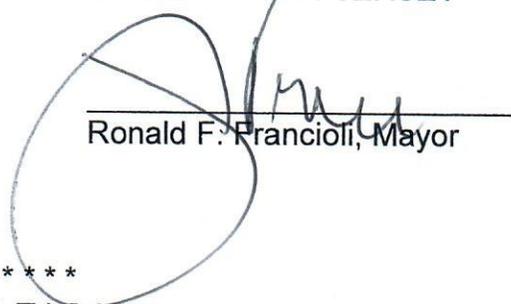
8. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Chief of Police for reference and action purposes.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: July 14, 2016

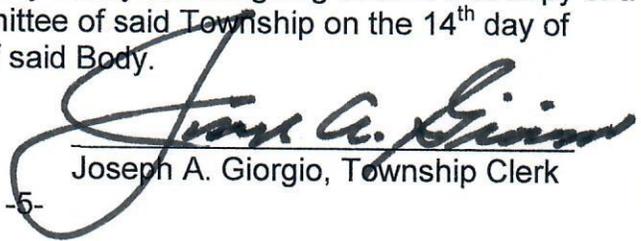
ATTEST:


Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk


Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on the 14th day of July, 2016, at a meeting duly convened, of said Body.


Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk

| TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VOTE | AYE | NAY | ABSTAINED | ABSENT |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|--------|
| GALLAGHER | ✓ | | | |
| FERRAMOSCA | ✓ | | | |
| BRUENO | ✓ | | | |
| COPPOLA | ✓ | | | |
| FRANCIOLI | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Chief of Police



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TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER CONTROLLED DEER HUNT RULES 2016/2017

This is a Township of Hanover approved deer cull program; only deer may be hunted and harvested.

1. All New Jersey Fish & Wildlife rules and regulations and laws apply to this deer hunt. In instances where the Township of Hanover Rules are more restrictive, all hunters will abide by the Township of Hanover Rules.
2. No hunter shall have a notched arrow or loaded weapon while walking to and from their deer stand.
3. Any hunter found violating any of the rules may be subject to having their hunting privileges with the Township of Hanover revoked. Additionally, the Chief of Police or his designee may revoke any hunting privileges at any time, for good cause.
4. Hunters must have a valid Deer Management Hunting Permit from the Township of Hanover, a valid New Jersey hunting license, a discharge permit, and where applicable a valid zone permit issued by New Jersey Fish & Wildlife. All these documents must be in their possession while hunting.
5. Hunting on Sundays is prohibited on Township of Hanover property.
6. Hunters shall hold the Township of Hanover harmless from all suits, judgments, costs, fees, actions, attorney's fees, and claims of like nature by signing a written release.
7. Hunters shall have a sportsman liability insurance policy acceptable to the Township of Hanover.
8. Hunters are permitted only on Township of Hanover properties designated on their Township of Hanover Deer Management Hunting Permit. This permit does not grant any permission to hunt any other Township property. The Township of Hanover may stop hunting on Township of Hanover properties at any time.

9. The Police Chief or his designee will advise on parking areas for hunters and provide an identifying placard which shall be placed on the inside dash of the vehicle, viewable from the outside of the vehicle while hunting.
10. Only bows and arrows, including crossbows are authorized to be used; guns and shotguns are prohibited.
11. No driving/pushing of deer.
12. All hunting is to be done from an elevated, portable stand. Platform (floor of stand) will be a minimum of 12' above the ground. Absolutely no ground hunting is permitted. All stands must be marked with the name and address of its owner.
13. After a deer is harvested, the hunter must remove all parts of the deer from Township of Hanover property. All harvested deer shall be checked in according to New Jersey Fish & Wildlife regulations. Deer are not to be gutted on Township property.
14. Every effort will be made to locate injured deer.
15. In the event a deer is wounded and runs to adjacent property, the hunter shall seek permission from the adjacent property owner. In the event the permission is denied, the hunter shall withdraw immediately, report the location of the wounded deer to the Police Department as soon as practical, and consider the matter closed.
16. All hunters shall report at the end of the hunting season the amount of deer they harvested on Township of Hanover Property on a form provided in your deer cull program packet. *The report will include temporarily turning in all NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife deer check receipts for each deer harvested during the season(s) for which the permit was issued.*
17. All stands are to be removed within two (2) weeks of season's end.