

CITY OF KIRTLAND
ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-O-4

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.14 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KIRTLAND REGARDING BOW
HUNTING AND REQUIRED PERMITS, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 02-O-48 was passed on September 4, 2002 establishing Kirtland Codified Ordinance §618.14 relating to limited hunting within the City of Kirtland; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance was modified on September 3, 2003 via 03-O-42 and on May 3, 2017 via 16-O-60; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the City seeks to amend the ordinance to provide more clarity as it relates to the permitting process and applicable regulations for bow hunting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kirtland, County of Lake, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION I: Codified Ordinance Section 618.14, last amended by Ordinance No. 16-O-60, is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein at length.

SECTION II: That the heretofore existing Section 618.14 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kirtland, previously enacted and in force, be amended by the passage of this ordinance, and is hereby replaced as set forth in Section I hereinabove.

SECTION III:

(a) It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason to appropriately regulate the safety of the residents by imposing limited hunting regulations; wherefore, this

Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the affirmative vote of five members of Council and approval by the Mayor. Otherwise, this Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption at the earliest period allowed by law.

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____

DATE PASSED: _____

President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his
Approval on this _____ day of
_____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Approved by the Mayor this _____ day
of _____, 2026.

Clerk of Council
Amend 618.14 – Bow Hunting and Permits

Mayor Kevin F. Potter

§ 618.14 LIMITED BOW HUNTING; PERMIT REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall hunt, take, kill or attempt to kill any animal or fowl by the use of a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, air rifle, sling or slingshot, or by the use of any other weapon capable of expelling or propelling one or more projectiles, except upon the following terms and conditions:

(1) Annually there shall be issued a permit by the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee;

(2) The applicant uses no weapon except a bow and arrow, longbow, compound bow or crossbow during the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) designated archery deer season and only as permitted by ODNR regulations in effect for that season/year.

(b) Prior to the issuance of the permit, the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee shall make a determination that the applicant for said permit has complied with all laws, rules, and regulations of the state and its subsections. The Chief or designee shall further determine that:

(1) Unless the applicant is hunting on his or her own property, the applicant must have received signed written permission to hunt from the owner of the parcel of property involved, or owners, if more than one parcel of property is involved, specifying the following: (1) the current hunting season, (2) game to be hunted, (3) identify the property by address or permanent parcel number, and (4) specify the dates authorized; identify the

(2) The parcel of property or properties involved consists of at least ten contiguous acres. If more than one parcel of property is involved, no more than three parcels may be combined to form the ten contiguous acres needed for hunting. Each parcel shall be contiguous to the others and the combined acreage of the parcels must consist of at least ten contiguous acres. No hunting shall take place within 100 feet of the perimeter lot line of the parcel or parcels of property or within 100 feet of any residence, public or private street, driveway, alley, or other public right-of-way; and

(3) For the year in which the application is filed, the applicant has provided proof of proficiency with a longbow, compound bow or crossbow by such test or tests established by the ODNR, Division of Wildlife, or the ODNR-designated Wildlife Officer or representative for the area. Applicant must provide written proof of the type of bow utilized in the proficiency test (longbow, compound bow or crossbow).

(c) The permit shall set forth and be subject to whatever terms and conditions, as reasonably determined by the Chief of Police, are necessary to provide for the safety of the residents of the city, and be premised upon the applicant complying with all laws, rules and regulations of the state and its subdivisions. The permit may be suspended or revoked by

the Chief of Police for a violation of this Section, violation of permit conditions, or for documented safety concerns.

(d) All deer hunting authorized under a permit issued pursuant to this Section shall comply with ODNR definitions, bag limits, seasons, and method-of-take requirements as published annually in the ODNR Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

(e) Any hunter who kills a deer or any other animal shall report such kill to the Police Division at the city Police Station within 24 hours of the killing. If applicable, such report shall also include the ODNR game check/confirmation number.

(f) Whoever violates this section, including the terms or conditions of a permit issued hereunder, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in § 698.02.

(Ord. 02-O-48, passed 9-4-2002; Am. Ord. 03-O-43, passed 9-3-2003; Am. Ord. 16-O-60, passed 5-3-2017)