

Charter Township of Orion

Ordinance No. 128

Bow and Arrow

Adopted May 7, 2001

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NON-COMMERCIAL TEMPORARY TARGET RANGES FOR BOW AND ARROW PRACTICE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND SAFETY CONCERNS.

Section 1 - Bow and Arrow Target Ranges

A property owner may establish a temporary target range for the purpose of shooting bow and arrow on his/her own property, provided that:

- a. The back of the target is at least fifty (50) feet from the owner's property line and the shooter (shooting lane) is at least thirty-five (35) feet from the owner's property line on both sides of the target.
- b. The target may stand alone; however, within three (3) feet of the back of the target, a safety backboard shall be established, and be made of a material that will prevent an arrow from passing through it. Said safety backboard shall extend a minimum of one and one-half (1½) feet from the center of the target in all directions.
- c. The above provisions do not apply to those property owners whose bow and arrow target is a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) feet from their property line in all directions.

Section 2 - Prohibitions

Practicing with broad head tip arrows and the shooting of crossbows for practice is hereby prohibited.

Section 3 - Variance

Upon request of the property owner, an administrative body composed of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, is authorized to hear a variance request and grant a variance from the provisions of this Ordinance, applying Section 30.07 of the Zoning Ordinance and other applicable standards for granting variances. A variance will only be granted where the Zoning Board of Appeals affirmatively finds the variance will not present a safety hazard as contemplated by this Ordinance.

Section 4 - Penalty

A property owner violating this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

Section 5 - Severable

The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 6 - Effective Date

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 7th day of May, 2001, and ordered to be given effect thirty (30) days after publication, as provided by statute.

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