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On December 17, 2007, the City of Fort Thomas City Council adopted an ordinance which permits individuals to discharge arrows from either bows or crossbows in the city when certain criteria are strictly followed. On **October 5, 2009** City Council further amended the ordinance. The amendments are shown below in **red font**. This article is meant to explain the provisions of the ordinance and subsequent amendment(s). However, Section 95.05 of the Fort Thomas Code of Ordinance prevails over the language in this article and should be carefully reviewed to ensure compliance before discharging an arrow.

The discharge ordinance adopted by council is not a deer hunting ordinance. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is responsible for regulating hunting in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Kentucky cities are not permitted by state law to regulate hunting. The ordinance adopted by the City of Fort Thomas instead regulates the discharge of arrows from bows or crossbows. The following outlines the conditions under which arrows can be discharged.

The program regulations are as follows:

1. When such discharge occurs **from one-half hour before sunrise to 10:00 AM** from November 1 through November 21 or from January 1 through the end of the Kentucky archery hunting season for deer as established by the Commonwealth of Kentucky for that year or **from one-half hour before sunrise to 10:00 AM** when such discharge occurs pursuant to a depredation permit issued by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; and
2. The person discharging the arrow must be the owner of the property on which the arrow is being discharged, or must have permission from the owner of the property.
3. The person discharging the arrow must be at least 200 feet from a structure, house, apartment, business establishment, road, highway, expressway, railroad track, or park boundary – in the direction the arrow is aimed and intended to travel.
4. The person discharging the arrow must be at least 100 feet from a structure, house, apartment, business establishment, road, highway, expressway, railroad track, or park boundary – to the left or right of the direction the arrow is aimed and intended to travel.
5. There is no distance restriction behind the person discharging the arrow.
6. The arrow must be shot in a manner in which it will not leave the property from which it is being discharged. In other words, the arrow is not permitted to leave the property from which it is being discharged.
7. The person discharging the arrow must be closer than 35 yards (105 feet) to the target, regardless if the target is a fixed target or deer.
8. When the discharge occurs on a lot 3 acres or greater in area, or on a combination of contiguous lots under the same ownership which cumulatively are 3 acres or greater in area. The discharge of arrows cannot occur on any lot or parcel of property which is less than 3 acres in area.

9. If a person kills a deer in Fort Thomas, city ordinance requires that all blood and internal organs be removed from the city. No one is permitted to bury, burn or set out for trash collection any blood or internal organs from field dressing a deer.
10. **If a person kills a deer in Fort Thomas, that person is strongly encouraged to cover the deer carcass with a tarp or similar item when transporting the carcass.**

All participants are strongly encouraged to contact the city to report when deer are taken in accordance with this program.

****THE ENCLOSED MAPS SHOW LOTS THAT ARE THREE ACRES OR GREATER IN FORT THOMAS. THEY ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.** This map does not indicate where the discharge of arrows will occur, it shows where the discharge of arrows may occur with the property owners permission. All regulations outlined above shall be complied with prior to discharging an arrow.



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