

**BERNARDSVILLE BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE #2018-1787**

**AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE MINIMUM AREA REQUIRED FOR THE  
DISCHARGE OF A BOW AND ARROW AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING  
CHAPTER III OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS"**

**WHEREAS**, a Borough resident who is a bow hunter has been asked by property owners to hunt deer on their private property, but he is unable to do so because the properties do not meet the current five-acre minimum area requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, that resident has suggested that a three-acre minimum for bow hunting only would allow for the desired culling of the deer population as outlined by the Borough's Green Team, assist property owners in their efforts to control the deer population on their properties, and afford recreation opportunities for resident hunter; and

**WHEREAS**, two of the parcels currently included in the Borough's Deer Management Plan, namely, Block 80, Lot 15.07 and Block 80, Lot 18, do not meet the current five-acre minimum; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulation for hunting with firearms would remain at its current five-acre minimum; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief of Police Kevin Valentine has no objection to the proposed amendment;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Bernardsville in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Chapter III of the Borough Code Entitled "Police Regulations" is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Paragraph "f" of the Appendix to Section 3-12 which sets forth the "Rules and Regulations for the Discharge of Firearms and Use of Bow and Arrow" is supplemented and amended to read as follows:

“f. The discharge of firearms or the use of bows and arrows shall not be permitted on improved parcels of land less than five (5.0) acres for firearms and three (3.0) acres for Bow and Arrow.”

**Section 2.** Any or all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

**Section 3.** In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
BERNARDSVILLE IN THE COUNTY  
OF SOMERSET

ATTEST:

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Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Sooy, Mayor

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*Introduction:* \_\_\_\_\_

*1st Publication:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Public Hearing and Adoption:* \_\_\_\_\_

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