BOROUGH OF OAKMONT
ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OAKMONT BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 141, PARKS, ARTICLE IV, MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR DARK HOLLOW WOODS – THE KARL E. SATLER MEMORIAL PARK AND NATURE RESERVE, TO PERMIT HUNTING IN SAID PARK BY INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BOROUGH DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakmont is authorized, pursuant to Section 1202(5) of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. §§ 101, *et seq.*, to make regulations as may be necessary for the health, safety, general welfare, and comfort of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Oakmont Borough Council ("Borough Council") finds that the overpopulation of deer may lead to an increase in deer/vehicular crashes, incidents of Lyme disease, and the over-browsing of native vegetation, which reduces the food available to deer, prevents forest habitat regeneration, and threatens deer and other species; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has created a deer management program, for the purpose of managing deer overpopulation within the Borough ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Program, Borough Council intends to allow Program participants to hunt on certain Borough real property, including the Dark Hollow Woods Park; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to amend its Code of Ordinances to permit hunting within the Dark Hollow Woods Park, limited to those individuals who are participants in the Program.

I. NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Oakmont ordains that Chapter 141, Parks, Article IV, Management Regulations for Dark Hollow Woods – The Karl E. Satler Memorial Park and Nature Reserve, Section 141-19, Additional regulations established, of the Oakmont Borough Code of Ordinances, be amended as follows:

A. Paragraph (A)(2)(b) shall be amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

(2) No person or group of persons in attendance at the park shall:

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(b) At any time, by any means or in any manner, pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, or attempt to take, capture or kill any kind of animal or to interfere with or destroy the nest or egg or young thereof, except as otherwise provided in Section 141-19, Paragraph (D) of this Article.

B. New Paragraph (D) shall be added to read, in its entirety, as follows:

D. Individuals authorized by the Borough or its designee to participate as a hunter in any Borough deer management program may hunt within the park, subject to compliance with those rules and procedures adopted by the Borough for such program.

II. Repeal. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

III. Severability. It is intended that the provisions in this Ordinance are severable and if any provisions are held or declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections.

IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall be further in effect prior to adoption as a pending ordinance as of the date of publication of notice to the public that the Borough Council has resolved to consider such an Ordinance.

This Ordinance adopted at a duly assembled public meeting held this 18th day of August, 2026.

THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT ALLEGHENY COUNTY PENNA.

BOROUGH OF OAKMONT

By: _____
President, Borough Council

Approved by Office of the Mayor:

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Mayor, Borough of Oakmont

Recording Certification: This Ordinance recorded in the Borough Ordinance book on _____, 2026 by the undersigned.

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Borough Secretary