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A large vertical banner for the City of Ft Thomas Archery Program Information. It features a target icon at the top left, a banner with the text "CITY OF FT THOMAS", an illustration of a bow and arrow, the text "ARCHERY PROGRAM INFORMATION", and a banner at the bottom with the phone number "TEL: 859-441-1055".

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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. 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.

- (1) When such discharge occurs:
 - (a) From one-half hour before sunrise to 10:00 AM during the Kentucky archery hunting season for deer as established by the Commonwealth of Kentucky for that year; or
 - (b) Pursuant to a depredation permit issued by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; and
- (2) When the individual is discharging an arrow from a point not less than 200 feet from a residence, apartment, or business structure not on the property as described in (7) herein below on which the discharge is occurring, or a street, highway, interstate, railroad or park, in the direction the arrow is discharged; and
- (3) When the individual is discharging an arrow in a manner where a residence, apartment or business structure not on the property as described in (7) herein below on which the discharge is occurring, or a street, highway, interstate, railroad or park is less than 100 feet to both the left and right of the direction of the arrow's trajectory; and
- (4) When the individual is discharging an arrow in a manner in which it does not leave the property as described in (7) herein below from which it is being discharged; and
- (5) When the individual is discharging an arrow not more than 35 yards from the intended target; and
- (6) When the individual discharging an arrow is either the owner of the property as described in (7) herein below upon which the arrow is being discharged or has the permission of the property owner(s) upon which the arrow is being discharged; and

(7) When the discharge occurs on any of the following properties:

- (a) a individual lot 3 acres or greater in area; or
- (b) a combination of contiguous lots under the same ownership which cumulatively are 3 acres or greater in area; or
- © a combination of any number of contiguous lots which cumulatively are 3 acres or greater in area where the owners of each lot have signed a form provided by the city authorizing the combination of lots for the purpose of the discharge of arrows; and where the city has reviewed the combination of lots to determine compliance with the restrictions hereinabove.

****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. Please visit the city's website at www.ftthomas.org for more information on the Fort Thomas Archery Program.**



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