RESOLUTION NO. 16-52
INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Vincent

Amended by Reading Section 1, 4) Date Changed from December 31, 2016 to April 30, 2017.

A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BAY VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Bay Village is concerned that the deer population within the City of Bay Village is negatively affecting public health and safety, primarily through reported and unreported motor vehicle accidents involving deer; and,

WHEREAS, The Police Department of the City of Bay Village documented 11, 15, 24, 21, 34, and 33 motor vehicle accidents involving deer within the City of Bay Village during 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, The Service Department of the City of Bay Village documented 34 and 36 deer carcass pick-ups in 2014 and 2015, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Bay Village is concerned that the deer population within the City of Bay Village is causing economic harm to residents, primarily through damage to private property; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Bay Village does not maintain a standardized form and database to record the number, nature and details of complaints issued by residents regarding deer-related damage to private property; and,

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Bay Village is concerned that the deer population within the City of Bay Village may be negatively affecting biodiversity, natural habitats, or ecology within the City of Bay Village; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Bay Village has not conducted a survey to estimate size of the deer population in the City of Bay Village or completed an assessment of the effect of the deer population on the biodiversity, natural habitats, or ecology within the City of Bay Village; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Avon Lake collaborated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to develop a comprehensive deer population management plan and published a report documenting the same which was adopted by the Avon Lake City Council on April 25, 2016 also, the City of Westlake and the City of North Olmsted are each collaborating with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to develop deer population management plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bay Village, Ohio:
SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Bay Village formally encourages the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety of the City of Bay Village to:

1) Communicate the effect of the deer population on public health and safety in the City of Bay Village by reporting the number of motor vehicle accidents involving deer and the number of deer carcass pick-ups in the City of Bay Village to the Council of the City of Bay Village in a written format on a monthly basis beginning in September 2016; and,

2) Document the economic harm associated with damage to private property caused by the deer population in the City of Bay Village by creating and maintaining a form, available online, through which residents may report deer-related damage to private property; creating and maintaining a database to record the number, nature and details of such reports; and communicating the same to the Council of the City of Bay Village in a written format on a monthly basis beginning in October 2016.

3) Collaborate with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to develop:

   a. A safe and effective comprehensive deer population management plan for the City of Bay Village (which may involve private and/or public property) and is designed to address the aforementioned public health and safety, economic and, if deemed appropriate in consultation with the ODNR, ecological concerns; and,

   b. A budget required to finalize, implement, and monitor the ongoing effectiveness of the plan (possibly including, but not limited to: aerial surveys, ecological assessments and deer population management programs on public property).

4) Communicate the comprehensive deer population management plan and budget to the Council of the City of Bay Village by December 31, 2016 for review and approval as well as for incorporation of related expenditures in the 2017 appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 2. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committee that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with law.

SECTION 3: That this resolution shall be in full force and take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

*Date changed to April 30, 2017 by Amendment to Reading 6-27-16

PASSED: June 27, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

CLERK OF COUNCIL
APPROVED: June 28, 2016

MAYOR

6-23-16 LL

I, ______________, Clerk of Council of the City of Bay Village, Ohio, hereby certify that Reg. 16-52 was posted for a period of fifteen days, Beginning ______________, at the three Designated Posting Places.