

Proposed Local Legislation Regarding Hunting in Halifax County

“The Hunting Safety and Protection Act”

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or kill any deer, bear or turkey with the aid of any boat or floating device from or on lands adjoining the Roanoke River between the Roanoke Rapids Dam and the Halifax-Martin County line. The same shall also be unlawful from or on lands adjoining Fishing Creek from the Warren-Halifax County line to the Halifax-Edgecombe County line. This provision shall only apply on the waters of the Roanoke River and Fishing Creek, and on adjacent lands in Halifax County adjoining the water's edge on the southern side of the Roanoke River and the northern side of Fishing Creek.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer or other wild animals with a dog unless the dog has a collar with the dog owner's name and telephone number.

Sec. 3. It shall be unlawful to chase deer or other wild animals with dogs, or permit a dog to chase deer or other wild animals between April 1 and July 31. This prohibition shall not apply to wild game pens.

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful to hunt or trap wildlife or attempt to hunt or trap wildlife on the land of another, or to fish on the land of another, without having on one's possession while hunting, trapping or fishing, the written permission of the owner, lessee or agent in control of that property, signed and dated for the current hunting, trapping or fishing season.

Sec. 5. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer, bear, fox or coyote with dogs without having possession, while hunting, of written proof of permission to hunt on the property where the dogs are released or allowed to run; provided further, that the total area of contiguous property for which permission to hunt with dogs is held shall be at least 300 acres. The existence of roads or streams shall not cause a 300 acre area to be non-contiguous. Written proof of permission to hunt shall include the name, address and telephone number of the property owners granting such permission, and identification of the tracts of land by reference to the correct county tax parcel numbers. If permission is granted to a hunt club, written proof of permission to hunt and hunt club membership may be produced within 48 hours, or longer in the discretion of the investigating law enforcement officer.

Sec. 6. Any person, association of persons, or any firm or corporation violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined a sum not to exceed \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$500 plus confiscation of all firearms in possession at the time of a third or subsequent offense.

Sec. 7. All law enforcement officers of the county and State, including wildlife game protectors, are hereby authorized, and it shall be their duty to aid in the enforcement of this law.

Sec. 8. Sections 2 through 6 shall apply to Halifax County.