

CHAPTER 132: DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS

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§ 132.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

BB GUN. A smooth bore rifle or handgun designed by a manufacturer exclusively for propelling BB's not exceeding .177 caliber by means of a spring or air or gas.

BOW. A device for propelling an arrow from a string drawn, held, and released by hand where the force used to hold the string in the drawn position is provided by the archer's muscles.

CROSSBOW. A weapon consisting of a bow mounted transversely on a stock or frame and designed to fire an arrow, bolt, or quarrel by the release of a bow string which is controlled by a mechanical or electric trigger.

FIREARM. A weapon from which a dangerous projectile may be propelled by using explosives, gas or air as a means of propulsion. FIREARM does not include a smooth bore rifle or handgun designed by a manufacturer exclusively for propelling BB's not exceeding .177 caliber by means of a spring or air or gas. FIREARM does not include paintball guns.

INDOOR RANGE. An area contained entirely inside a building and used for the discharge of bows, crossbows, or firearms and designed to prevent the propulsion of arrows, bolts, quarrels, bullets or other projectiles outside the range.

OUTDOOR RANGE. The shooting of a bow provided that:

(1) The target is of sufficient size and depth to reasonably prevent travel of the arrow beyond the target;

(2) The target is placed so that the line of travel of the arrow is not in the direction of a residence or occupied building within 150 feet of the target; and

(3) The target is set back from the property line a minimum of 25 feet.

PAINTBALL GUN. A smooth bore rifle or handgun designed by a manufacturer exclusively for propelling balls filled with paint by means of a spring or air or gas.

PARCEL OF LAND. A continuous parcel of land under common ownership.

POLICE OFFICER. A person permitted or licenced by the city, county, state or federal government to engage in law enforcement activities and who is acting within the scope of the licence or permit.

(Ord. 173, passed 4-5-99)

§ 132.02 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any bow, crossbow or firearm within the city except:

(A) Within an indoor range.

(B) While engaged in the discharge of a bow at an outdoor range in a manner that does not endanger persons or property.

(C) Upon a parcel of land 30 acres in size or greater provided that a bow, crossbow or firearm may not be discharged within 450 feet of an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, or cabin or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation, without having obtained the written permission of the owner, renter or occupant of the property or pursuant to divisions (A), (B) or (D) of this section.

(D) By a police officer in the enforcement of law.

(Ord. 173, passed 4-5-99) Penalty, see § 132.99

§ 132.03 DISCHARGE OF BB GUNS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a BB gun within the city except in a safe manner when on private property and with the consent of the owner or occupant. Juveniles discharging BB guns shall be supervised by an adult.

(Ord. 173, passed 4-5-99) Penalty, see § 132.99

§ 132.04 DISCHARGE OF PAINTBALL GUNS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a paintball gun within the city except in a safe manner when on private property and with the consent of the owner or occupant. Juveniles discharging paintball guns shall be supervised by an adult.

(Ord. 173, passed 4-5-99) Penalty, see § 132.99

§ 132.99 PENALTY.

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in § 10.99. The city may also seek injunctive relief as may be appropriate.

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