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Agawam: 155-13 Discharge of firearms across streets prohibited.

(firearms:1)Change Views

Discharge of **firearms** across streets prohibited. No person shall discharge any missile from any air gun or air rifle, slingshot or other like instrument within, upon, over or across any street.

Amesbury 303-1 No hunting shall be allowed on any public parks, school grounds, City forest, public beaches, cemeteries, Lake Gardner, or any other property governed by the rules and regulations of the Town of Amesbury.

303-2 There shall be no shooting of arms on private property within 500 feet of a dwelling except as authorized by the owner or occupant thereof.

Amhurst 1. **Discharging of Firearms** STM - March 30, 1981 - Art. 8)

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece or other firearm in the Town of

Amherst; but to the extent not otherwise prohibited by law, the provisions of this section shall

not apply to (A) the discharge of shotguns or air-guns, or (B) the discharge of firearms

1. in the lawful defense of the person, or

2. for the humane dispatch of injured animals, or

3. by any person lawfully on a target, trap or skeet range established for such purposes, or

4. by any duly authorized peace officer acting in the proper performance of duty, or

5. by any duly authorized military personnel participating in scheduled military exercises, or

6. by any person using blank cartridges in theatrical performances or sporting events, or

7. by an owner or tenant of land (or if authorized by either, any member of the immediate

family or person permanently employed by such owner or tenant) but only upon such land

and for the limited purposes of

a) shooting a bird or other animal found to be damaging or posing the imminent threat of

damage to the property of such person or persons, and

b) shooting domestic animals raised as livestock.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections (A) and (B) above, no person shall discharge any

gun, fowling piece, shotgun, air-gun, or other firearm or bow-and-arrow otherwise permitted

under Sections (A) or (B) within one hundred fifty feet (150') of or in the direction of: (1) the

paved surface of the State Rail Trail, or (2) the paved parking areas or entrance/exit ramps

associated with the Rail Trail. Loaded guns, fowling pieces, shotguns, air-guns or other firearms

or bows and arrows shall not be carried on or within 150' of the Rail Trail.

There shall be a penalty for breach hereof not exceeding \$200 for each offense.

Andover § 7. Hunting No person shall discharge a firearm in the Town except a law enforcement official in the performance of his duties. This by-law shall not restrict the discharge of firearms on an established firing range, nor the discharge of a firearm in the legal defense of persons or property, nor any discharge of a firearm which has been specifically authorized by the commonwealth on state-owned property.

Arlington- No hunting, shooting or trapping on conservation land per the stewardship handbook for Arlington Conservation

Ashburnham Section 11 No person may fire or discharge any firearm nor shoot a bow and arrow nor use a sling shot within 200 feet of a paved highway or public property, nor on any private property, except with the consent of the owner thereof, except that a shotgun may be discharged while hunting, if otherwise lawful, without the landowner's permission; provided however that this by-law shall not apply to the use of any weapons at any military exercise, or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen, nor in any act of duty required or justified by law.

Athol- Section 21. No person shall in any public streets, ways or places of the town discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm, except in the performance of some legal duty.

B

Barnstable-601-5 Hunting, possessing, taking, molesting or disturbing deer within the boundaries of Sandy Neck, unless authorized by the Town Manager or Park Manager, is prohibited.

B. Discharging a firearm within the boundaries of Sandy Neck from Memorial Day to Labor Day is prohibited.

C. No person shall hunt any game, except waterfowl, without wearing a hunter orange cap or hat. A hunter orange vest or coat is also recommended.

D. All hunters must check in at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse prior to and at the conclusion of their hunt.

E. Hunting or discharging a firearm or release an arrow upon or across the front beach, that area between the primary dune and the high-water mark, without written permission from the Town Manager or the Park Manager is prohibited.

F. Discharging a firearm or releasing an arrow is prohibited on and within 150 feet of the access trail and front beach, or within 500 feet of any public building or structure.

G. Hunting for in-season game shall occur between 1/2 hour before sunrise and sunset only.

701-4 Unauthorized use of firearms on Conservation lands is clearly a public safety issue. The Conservation Commission provides the public a shooting range, at the West Barnstable Conservation Area. The range is managed by the Commission and policed and maintained by the Natural Resource Division. A fee is charged for the permit and a key to unlock the entrance gate. Hunting is allowed on certain Conservation parcels so as long as the person follows the state and federal laws.

B. No hunting is allowed in the following conservation areas:

- (1) Crocker Neck.
- (2) Long Pond.
- (3) Jenkins Wildlife Sanctuary.
- (4) Whelan.
- (5) Meetinghouse Farm.
- (6) Santuit River.

Barnstable has a various bylaws related to their shooting range. These can be found in section 702.

Bedford- 47.22 Hunting

A person shall not hunt any bird or mammal within the Town, except on the Concord River during the applicable open season. A person shall not otherwise discharge any firearm on public land, except as provided by law.

Bellingham Article 14.02. Discharging Firearm, Explosive Article

No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or other explosive article within the limits of any park, playground, public way, public building, or other public property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen. Article 14.02 shall not apply to the lawful defense of life, property, or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his/her duties.

Belmont 20.8 No person, except in the performance of some legal duty or in the lawful defense of a person or property, shall discharge any firearm within the Town.

Billerica 7. DISCHARGE OF A WEAPON OR EXPLOSIVE

7.1 No person shall fire or discharge a firearm, rifle, shotgun, or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, road, park or other public property, except with the permission of the Board of Selectmen, or on any private property except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof.

7.2 This Section shall not apply to the following:

A. To the lawful defense of life and property or

B. To all law enforcement officers acting in the discharge of their duties, or
C. The discharge of firearms, rifles, shotguns or cannons (with blank ammunition) in fulfilling the needs of historical, ceremonial, competitive and sporting activities; starting guns for various road races held throughout the Town and for special events

(e.g. Yankee Doodle Homecoming Weekend).

7.3 Sporting organizations and/or sporting clubs involved in firearms use will be required

annually, during the month of January, to notify the Chief of Police and the Board of Selectmen in writing of their intent to continue their operation as a sporting organization/club for the ensuing year. Said notice shall include a list of the organization/club officers and the location where firearm use is normally held.

7.4 Notice of this By-Law shall be posted at each major roadway entering the Town.

7.5 Any person violating this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than Two Hundred

and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each offense.

Boston 16-5.1 Firing of Cannons and Guns.

No person shall fire or discharge a cannon, gun, fowling-piece, or firearm, within the limits of the City, except at a military exercise or review authorized by the military authority of the Commonwealth or by the City Council or Mayor of the City, or in the lawful defense of the person, family, or property of a citizen; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to persons engaged in target practice on a range or other premises licensed to be used for such purpose by the City Council.

Boxborough Section 1. No person shall hunt or trap, or enter upon any land within the Town of Boxborough for the purpose of hunting or trapping without the express permission of the landowner.

Section 2. No person shall carry a rifle, pistol, shotgun or other firearm, or a trap or traps on any private land within the Town of Boxborough without the express permission of the landowner, except a law enforcement officer in the discharge of his duties.

Section 3. No person shall discharge a firearm within the limits of any public way in the Town of Boxborough except a law enforcement officer in the discharge of his duties. Section 4. Any person who violates any of the foregoing provisions shall be subject to a fine of twenty (\$20.00) dollars, to be collected as provided in the General Laws.

Boxford: § 102-1. Discharge prohibited in certain areas; exception.

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece or firearm within 200 feet of any street in town or on any private grounds, except with the consent of the owner; provided, however, that this bylaw not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen.

§ 102-2. Discharge on park or school property; landowner's hunting permit.

[Amended

5-11-1988 ATM, Art. 33]

A. No person shall fire or discharge any handgun, rifle, shotgun or any other device or weapon within limits of any park, playground, school or other town property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen.

B. No person shall hunt with, fire or discharge any such weapon on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. Such consent shall be renewed annually with a copy sent to the Police Department which shall issue a Boxford landowner's hunting permit. Persons hunting without a Boxford landowner's hunting permit shall be fined up to \$150 per occurrence. Land owners or legal occupants discharging weapons on their own land or public safety.

§ 102-3. Exceptions.

This bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Braintree Section: 9.16.010. This bylaw does not apply to any firing in accordance with law (prior code 69-3

9.16.020 Discharge of Firearms No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, pistol or other firearms in any place, public way, street or square within the town limits, except with the permission of the board of selectmen (prior code 69-1

9.16.030 Exception- Discharge on approved range: No Person shall discharge or fire any rifle or any caliber within the town limits for any purpose except on an approved range.

Brookline:

ARTICLE 6.6
~~DISCHARGE FIREARM~~

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling-piece, or firearm within two hundred feet of any street in the town of Brookline or on any private grounds, except with the consent of the owner thereof; provided, however, that this by-law shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise, in law enforcement or in the lawful defense of the person, family, or property of any citizen.

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Cambridge:

9.16.010 - Firearm discharge prohibited—Exception.

No person shall, except in the performance of some legal duty, discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm, within the City limits.

9.16.060: No person shall **shoot** with or use a bow and arrow or air gun in a street, or upon or from any bridge.

Canton:

Section 13. Discharge of Firearms, Fireworks 14-13

No person shall, except in the performance of some duty required or justified by Law, or in abating a nuisance, or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen, or at any military exercise, or upon written permission of the Board of Selectmen, discharge any air gun or gun, pistol or other firearm, in or upon any street or public place, or within 300 feet thereof, or in any building or within 300 feet of any building in the Town.

No person shall explode or cause to be exploded any squib, cracker serpent or other preparation which consist wholly or in part of gun powder or other explosive, upon any street or public place within the Town, except on such occasion and of such character and kind as the Chief of Police may, by public notice, permit.

Section 42. Discharge of Firearms 14-42

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, rifle, fowling piece, pistol, revolver, or other firearm within one thousand (1,000) feet of any street, public place, square, or golf course in the town, except with the permission of the Board of Selectmen, or in any private ground, except with the consent of the owner thereof; provided however, that this by-law shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise, or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of a citizen.

Carlisle: 10.1 Firearms, Explosives and Hunting

10.1.1 No person shall hunt, fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property, except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen, or such other town officer or officers as they may designate from time to time.

10.1.2 No person shall hunt, fire or discharge any firearm or explosive on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, said written permission must be carried upon the person.

10.1.3 This bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of the officer's duties.

10.1.4. The word "hunt" shall have the meaning and rule of construction as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 1.

10.1.5. Any provision of this bylaw, and any order of the Board of Selectmen, the violation of which is subject to a specific monetary fine or penalty, may, in the

discretion of the town official who is the enforcing person and as an alternative to criminal proceedings, be enforced in the manner provided in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The term "enforcing person" shall mean any police officer of the Town.

Chelmsford: [Amended 5-9-1974 ATM by Art. 42] No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property, except with the possession of written permission of the Board of Selectmen, or on any private property, except with the possession of written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his or her duties. Any person violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense.

Chelsea: Sec. 2-9. Possession, use and sale of dangerous weapons.

(a) No person shall fire or discharge any air rifle, so-called BB gun, firearm or cannon within the city; however this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise authorized by the authority of the Commonwealth or by the city council; or military review; or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen; or by a police officer in the lawful performance of his duty; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to persons engaged in target shooting on a firing range within the building of a gun club licensed to be used for such purpose and who has on his person a permit from the chief of police granting him the right of such possession.

Chilmark: 2. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or explosives of any kind or release any arrow within the limits of any highway, park or other public property except with the written permission of the Board of Selectman; or on any private property, except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, provided however, that this bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties; it is further provided that any person violating any provision of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each offense.

Clinton: SECTION 16.

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearms in or across any of the streets or public places within the Town; but this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of one's person, family or property or in performance of any duty required or authorized by law, nor upon such days as maybe designated by the Board of Selectman.

Cohasset: SECTION 24

Hunting and the discharge of firearms, air rifles, and pellet guns are prohibited within all of thatpart of the Town bounded and described as follows:

Westerly: By South Main Street;
Northerly: By Elm Street and a portion of Cohasset Harbor;
Easterly: By portions of Cohasset Harbor and Gulf River;
Southerly: By the Scituate Town Line;
all of which area is delineated in red ink on a copy of the Cohasset Zoning District maps filed with the office of the Town Clerk. This Bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties. **This Bylaw shall not apply to hunting** or the discharge of firearms by any person on land owned or legally occupied by such person subject to the provisions of existing laws.

Concord: Section 1.

No person shall fire or discharge any firearm within the limits of any park, playground or other public property or within 500 feet of the boundaries of that portion of the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge located within the Town of Concord, or within 500 feet of the pedestrian pathways used by the public as access to and from the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge except with the written consent of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt or fire or discharge any firearm on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, said written permission to be presented on demand.

Section 2.

This bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Section 3.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine for each offense as specified in Appendix A of the Regulations for the Enforcement of Town Bylaws under M.G.L. Chapter 40, §21D and the Bylaw for Non-Criminal Disposition of Violations adopted under Article 47 of the 1984 Town Meeting, as amended.

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Dalton: 195-2 It shall be unlawful for any person to commit the following:

To have possession of or discharge any firearms or fireworks, or to use, explode or cause to explode, any combustible or explosive composition or substance.

Danvers: Section 3. The following activities are expressly prohibited on all Town-owned land:

a) Trapping, hunting, shooting or the carrying of weapons or firearms (even if unloaded) that are not properly encased or covered, except by law enforcement

officials and except on Town roads and ways.

Section 9. No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property except with the permission of the Board of Selectmen; or on any private property except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof; provided however that this by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties. (AUTH: ARTICLE 17, TM 3/17/58.)

Dennis § 93-5 Area of unlawful discharge.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm within a distance of two hundred (200) feet from the waters of Swan River and Swan Pond; provided, however, that the Dennis Conservation Commission may, in its discretion, permit and regulate hunting of waterfowl on the islands in Swan Pond during the then-current session for hunting of waterfowl established by the appropriate agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Such hunting shall be subject to the administration and control of the Dennis Conservation Commission or its designee.

1. Ch 93 FIREARMS (*firearms:1*)Change Views

FIREARMS [HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Dennis: Art. I, 3-5-1963 Annual Town Meeting, Art. 22; Art. II, 3-3-1970 Annual Town Meeting, Art. 43; Art. III, 12-5-1989 Special Town Meeting, Art. 4. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Town of Dennis

2. 93-1 Area of unlawful discharge. (*firearms:1*)Change Views

Area of unlawful discharge. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or discharge **firearms** on Bass River or along its shore for a distance three hundred (300) feet back from the river in an ...

Town of Dennis < FIREARMS < Bass River

3. 93-3 Area of unlawful discharge. (*firearms:1*)Change Views

Area of unlawful discharge. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge **firearms** in the area of the West Dennis Beach, bounded as follows: on the east by Loring Avenue Extension, ...

Town of Dennis < FIREARMS < West Dennis Beach

4. 93-5 Area of unlawful discharge. (*firearm:1*)Change Views

Area of unlawful discharge. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a **firearm** within a distance of two hundred (200) feet from the waters of Swan River and Swan Pond; provided, ...

Town of Dennis < FIREARMS < Swan River and Swan Pond

Dover: § 109-1 Discharge restricted.

No person shall fire or discharge any firearm within the limits of any park, playground or other public property, except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt, trap, fire or discharge any firearm on any private property, except with the written consent, to be in the person's possession, of the owner or legal occupant thereof.

§ 160-12 Discharge of firearms.

No person shall, except in the performance of a legal duty, fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece or firearm, or make any bonfire in any street or public place in the Town.

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Section 20 - DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park, or other public property except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen; or any other private property of another, except with the written consent of the owner, or legal occupant thereof; provided however, that this By-Law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties. Any person violating this By-Law may be enforced under the non-criminal disposition provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D.

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East Longmeadow; 8.080 Discharge of Firearms Within the Town

(A)

Rifles larger than .22 cal., pistols larger than .38 cal., and shotguns larger than 12 gauge may not be discharged within the limits of the Town without a permit from the Board of Selectmen. This section shall not apply to law enforcement personnel in the performance of their official duties.

8.110 Fine for Carrying Firearms

Any person, who, without the written permission of the owner, enters upon the improved or unimproved land of another while carrying firearms, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars for each such offense. This by-law shall be enforced by police officers and may be administered under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D, the Non-Criminal Disposition Law. (Section 8.110 added May 1991)

East Hampton Sec. 6-9. Discharging dangerous weapons.

No person under the age of sixteen (16) shall discharge any firearms, airguns, BB rifles, or any other dangerous weapon in the city. (By-law of 3-25-50, Appvd. 8-17-50)

Essex

4-3.6 **DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.** No person shall fire or discharge, without a written permit from the selectmen, any gun, pistol or other firearm in or across any street, sidewalk or public place, or within 50 yards thereof, nor within 500 feet of a dwelling in use. This subsection shall not prevent the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of ones person, family or property, nor in the performance of any duty required or authorized by law.

4-4 HUNTING.

4-4.1 No person shall hunt, trap or fire or discharge any firearm on private property except with written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof; and such consent shall be carried at all times by any person hunting or trapping, and upon request shall be shown to any police officer or officer of the Department of Conservation, or the property owner or his agent.

4-4.2 This section shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor any law enforcement officer acting in discharge of his duties.

4-4.3 Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 for each offense.

4-4.4 No hunting, trapping or discharging of firearms shall be permitted on Town property.

Everett: (b) No person, except as provided by law, shall carry on his person, or carry on his person or under his control in a vehicle, including those weapons and instruments enumerated in Chapter 269 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Section 10, paragraph (B), any saber, sword, or weapon of like or similar nature; any knife having any type of blade in excess of 2 and one-half (2½) inches in length, or other object or tool so redesigned, fashioned, prepared, or treated that the same may be used to inflict bodily harm or injury to another; provided that this section

shall not apply to any person actually engaged in hunting, fishing, or fowling and carrying a valid license

for said activity, or in traveling to or from such activities, or to persons whose employment requires the use of said instruments as described above.

Section 13-10. Discharge of weapons.

No person shall fire or discharge a cannon, gun, fowling piece, air rifle or firearm within the limits of the city except at a military exercise authorized by the military authority of the Commonwealth or by the city council or mayor of the city; or in the lawful defense of the person or property of a citizen; or by a police officer in the lawful performance of his duty; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to persons engaged in target shooting within the building of a gun club licensed to be used for such purpose.

(Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 11, § 12B) State law reference(s)--Weapons, M.G.L.A. c. 269, §§ 10--12D.

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Fall River: Sec. 46-3. - Discharging firearm in public place.

No person shall, except in the performance of some legal duty, discharge any gun, pistol or firearm in any street or public place, or within 825 feet of any dwelling house.

Fitchburg; § 157-39 Discharge of firearms.

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or firearm in or across any street, provided that this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or review under the authority of a commissioned officer of the militia or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen. This section shall not apply to nor affect any duly authorized and licensed rifle ranges where target practice or tournaments are held.

Framingham

Section 10. Hunting Bylaws

10.1 Definitions

1. Amphibious Animal - Animals capable of living either on land or in water.
2. Archery - Bow and Arrow - to include any type of bow and arrow, such as; long bow, compound bow, cross bow, recurve bow or bows drawn by mechanical means.
3. Birds - Wild or Undomesticated Birds.
4. Firearms - Firearm shall mean a pistol, revolver or other weapon of any description loaded or unloaded, from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and of which the length of the barrel or barrels is less than 16" or 18" in the case of a shotgun as originally manufactured, and the term "length of barrel" shall mean that portion of a firearm, rifle, shotgun through which a shot or bullet is driven, guided,

or stabilized, and shall include the chamber. A rifle is a weapon having a rifled bore with a barrel length equaled to or greater than 16", capable of discharging a shot or bullet for each pull of the trigger. A shotgun is a weapon having a smooth bore or a rifled bore with a barrel length equaled to or greater than 18" with an overall length to or greater than 26", capable of discharging a shot or bullet with each pull of the trigger.

5. Game - any wild bird, mammal, amphibian or reptile commonly hunted for food or sport.

6. Hunt - the verb "to hunt", in all of its moods and tenses, included pursuing, shooting by firearms or archery, killing and capturing mammals, birds, amphibious animals and reptiles and all lesser acts such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing or using any device commonly used to take mammals, birds, amphibious animals and reptiles whether or not such acts result in taking; and includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to any other person in taking or attempting to take mammals, birds amphibious animals and reptiles.

7. Mammals - Wild or Undomesticated mammals.

8. Primitive Firearms (muzzle loading) - any firearm, rifle or shotgun with matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system, such firearm, rifle or shotgun loads from the muzzle.

10.2 No person shall hunt within the limits of any highway, park or other property owned or controlled by the Town of Framingham, except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen and any other appropriate public authority; or on any private property, except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, which consent shall be dated not more than one year prior to the act complained of.

10.3 No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or explosive of any kind within the limits of the Town of Framingham, except on a range or in an area designated for such purpose and approved

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by the Chief of police in writing, or with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, which written consent shall be dated not more than one year prior to the act complained of.

10.4 Nothing in this bylaw shall prohibit the protection of one's property or use of firearms by police or other law enforcement officers.

10.5 It shall be unlawful for any person to set, trigger, activate, or otherwise use, or cause to be set, triggered, activated or used, any type of steel-jaw or leghold trap including, but not limited to, padded or unpadded leghold traps of conibear or killer-type traps within the limits of any highway, park, or public property or on any private property in the Town of Framingham. Trapping on posted or unposted private property, with any type of trap not already prohibited by this section, shall only be permitted with a box-trap if written permission is obtained from the owner or legal occupant or person having the right of control thereof

10.6 A violation of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$300.

Franklin § 125-20 Discharge of firearms.

No person shall discharge a firearm of any kind, except one using blank ammunition such as that used in starting pistols or in ceremonial salutes, or hunt by bow or air rifle within the limits of any park, playground or any Town-owned property, except by vote of the Franklin Town Council, or controlling governmental body thereof. Nor shall any person discharge a firearm, except one using blank ammunition such as that used in starting pistols or in ceremonial salutes, or hunt by bow or air rifle on any private property, except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be fined not more than \$200 for each offense, and any firearm used in the commission of said offense shall be confiscated by a law enforcement officer. This article shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his/her duties.

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Georgetown:

§ 68-1 Discharge restricted.

No person shall discharge any gun or firearm, or set fire to any material known as "fireworks" or other combustible matter, or throw any such lighted fireworks in any of the public ways or streets of the town, except on such occasions and of such kind as the Board of Selectmen may, by public notice, permit; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any person in the exercise of a duty required or justified by law.

§ 68-2 Owner's consent required.

No person shall hunt or fire or discharge any firearm on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, and such written

consent shall be carried at all times by any person hunting and upon request shall be shown to any police officer or the property owner or his agent.

Sec. 14-2. - Discharge of firearms.

(a) No person shall discharge a firearm, as defined by M.G.L. c. 140, § 121, a rifle or shotgun within 500 feet of a city-owned park, beach or playing field or within 500 feet of the boundary of a dwelling or other building, except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(1) The lawful defense of life and property;

(2) Any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties;

(3) Persons using underground or indoor target or test ranges with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof;

(4) Persons using outdoor skeet, trap, target or test ranges with the consent of the owner or legal occupant of the land on which the range is established;

(5) Persons using shooting galleries, licensed and defined under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 56A;

(6) The discharge of blank cartridges for theatrical, athletic, ceremonial, firing squad, or other purposes in accordance with M.G.L. c. 148, § 39.

(c) No person shall discharge a firearm, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon on the following lands owned or leased by the city:

(1) All of the Good Harbor Beach, including beach, dunes, parking lot, and marshland lying easterly of Thatcher Road, northeasterly of Bass Avenue where it intersects with Thatcher Road, and northeasterly of that part of Nautilus Road where it intersects with Bass Avenue, as specifically shown as land owned or leased by the city on maps drawn by the city engineer known as the Good Harbor Beach area map which is on file with the city clerk and is incorporated herein by reference;

(2) All of the Wingaersheek Beach area including the beach, dunes, and parking lots which is either owned or leased by the city and runs northeasterly from Atlantic Street to the high-water mark easterly on a line of sight from the edge of Wingaersheek Beach to a point of land on the easterly bank of the Annisquam River known as the Bent Estate and more particularly as shown on a map drawn by the city engineer dated 2-17-1989. This map, known as the Wingaersheek Beach area map, is on file with the city clerk and is incorporated herein.

(d) **Hunting**, the use of **hunting** weapons, and the discharge of any firearms is prohibited in the following areas: All land south and east of MBTA tracks at Babson Reservoir to Pond Road and the Rockport line. This includes all land bordering Blackburn Drive, Dory Road, Old Rockport Road, including land now or formerly of the Gloucester Economic Development and Industrial Corporation.

(e) The city land covered by subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall be clearly posted, signed or marked in order to provide notice to persons of this prohibition.

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Hamilton: SECTION 6. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or explosive of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property, except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen , or hunt or discharge any firearm on any private property except with the written permission of owner or legal occupant thereof; provided, however, that this by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties. Any person violating this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each offense.

Hampden: *SECTION 6. (adopted April 21, 1991)*

No person shall hunt by any means, trap or discharge a firearm on any land owned by the Town of Hampden. No person shall hunt by any means, trap or discharge a firearm on any private property in the Town of Hampden, other than said person's property or the property of said person's parents, children, grandchildren or their spouses, without written permission of the owner of the land upon which hunting, trapping, or discharging of a firearm will take place. Permission forms shall be obtained from the Hampden Town Clerk's office. The distribution of the permission form prior to hunting, trapping or discharging a firearm shall be as follows: The Town Clerk shall receive and stamp all copies, one of which shall be forwarded to the Police Department by the Town Clerk, and the original copy must be retained by the hunter and must be carried while hunting. Each offender shall receive a written notice to appear before the clerk of the district court at any time during working hours not later than twenty-one days after the date of such notice. Fine for first offense shall be \$100.00. Second time offenders shall be fined a minimum of \$100.00 up to \$300.00. This bylaw shall be enforced by all State and local law enforcement officials and shall be administered under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D on non-criminal dispositions. This bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life and property, or to any discharge of firearms in accordance with law enforcement.

For the purposes of this bylaw a firearm shall be defined as any instrument used in the propulsion of shot, shell, bullets or ball by the use of gunpowder.

Hanson: **ARTICLE 3 - 16**

DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

Sec. 1.

The discharge of a machine gun is prohibited within the Town of Hanson by any persons under the age of 21 years. A machine gun being described pursuant to the M.G.L., Chapter 140, Section 121 as "A weapon of any description, by whatever name known loaded or unloaded from which a number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged by one continuous activation of the trigger." Police Officers while carrying out their official duties or training with the approval of the Chief of Police shall be exempt from said by-law.

Sec. 2.

Whoever violates the provisions of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars for each offense.

Harvard § 39-1 Discharge prohibited; exceptions. No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property, or Bare Hill Pond, except with the permission of the Board of Selectmen; or on any private property, except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof; provided, however, that this bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Haverhill: § 145-17 Firearms.

No person shall discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm in any of the streets, ways, squares, commons or public parks in the City; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any person or their use in the performance of any duty required by law.

Hingham SECTION 32 - No person shall, except in the performance of legal duty or in military exercises or funerals, discharge any firearms or any other rifle upon or across any private property without consent of the owners or tenants thereof. Whoever violates this provision shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Twenty (\$20.00) for each offense.

SECTION 18 - No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm in or across any public way or place, or within fifty yards thereof, but this section shall not prevent the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of one's person, family, or property, nor in the performance of any duty required or authorized by law.

Holliston: Section 10. No person shall discharge a firearm within 200 feet (200') of Mill or Factory Pond. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm of any kind or hunt by bow or air rifle within the limits of any park, playground or any public property, except with the consent of the Selectmen, or except with the consent of the controlling governmental body thereof; or hunt by firearm, or bow, or air rifle on any private property, except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. Any person violating any of the provisions of this by-law shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for each offense. This by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his/her duties. (Approved 10/12/89.)

Holyoke: Sec. 54-3. - Discharge of firearms.

No person shall fire or discharge a cannon, gun, fowling piece or **firearm** in or across any street or near any dwelling house within the limits of the city, except at a military exercise or review authorized by the military authorities of the

commonwealth, or by the city council or mayor of the city, or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of a citizen.

Hopkinton Article I, Automatic Weapons

§109-1. Discharge prohibited.

§109-2. Exceptions. [HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Meeting of the Town of Hopkinton as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I Automatic Weapons [Adopted 4-9-1985 ATM, Art. 37]

~ **109-1. Discharge prohibited.** No person shall fire or discharge within the limits of the Town of Hopkinton any fully automatic weapon.

~ **109-2. Exceptions.** Nothing in this article shall prohibit the use of firearms by police or other law enforcement officers in the proper discharge of their duties.

Hudson: (g) No person shall walk upon any of the lots and borders within the cemetery, except in conformity with rules established by the Commissioners and no person shall gather any flowers or break any shrub or plant or write upon or otherwise injure any

Monument, fence or other structure in or belonging to the cemeteries, or discharge any firearms therein, except in case of military funerals.

Ipswich: Section 2. Discharge of Firearms

(a) No person shall, without a written permit from the Selectmen, fire or discharge any gun, pistol, or other firearm in or across any street or public place or within five hundred feet thereof, nor on private grounds beyond said five hundred feet limit, against the objection of the owner, but this section shall not prevent the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of one's person, family, or property, nor in the performance of any duty required or authorized by law.

(1937: c. XVIII, s. 33; amended 1973)

(b) No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt or discharge any firearm on any private property except with

the written permission of the owner or legal occupant thereof; provided however that this By-Law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties; and further provided that this

By-Law shall not apply to hunting or use of firearms on salt marshland: Said consent of the Selectmen, owner, or legal occupant shall be carried at all times by any person hunting, and upon request shall be shown to any police officer or officer of the Department of Conservation or the property owner or his agent. (1963: Additional By-Laws; adopted by vote of Town Meeting March 5, 1962; approved by the Attorney General on May 29, 1962)

Kingston: 7-1-6. Discharge of Firearms on Public Way No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearms in or across any of the streets or public places within the town; but this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of one's person, family or property, or in performance of any duty

required or authorized by law, nor upon such days as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

L

Lawrence: 9.12.040 - Prohibition against carrying certain weapons.

A. No person, except as provided by law, shall carry on his person, or under his control in a vehicle, those weapons and instruments mentioned in chapter 269 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, section 10, paragraph (b) and section 12, or any shotgun having a barrel less than 18 inches in length, any saber, sword, or weapon of like or similar nature; any knife having any type of blade in excess of two and one-half inches, (except when actually engaged in **hunting** or fishing or in going directly to and/or returning from such activities, or any employment which requires the use of any type of knife), ice picks, dirks or similar weapons that are likely to penetrate through police officer's ballistic vests, or other object or tool so redesigned, fashioned, prepared or treated that the same may be used to inflict bodily harm or injury to another.

B. Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to arrest and a fine of not more than \$100.00 for each offense. Violation of any provisions of this chapter within a park, playground or on school property shall be subject to arrest and a fine of more than \$300.00.

C. Activities involving performing arts and/or historical re-enactments shall be exempt from the enforcement and violation of this chapter.

12.24.050 - Firearms and fireworks.

No person shall, within any park or playground of the city, discharge or have possession of any firearm or make any fire, or discharge or set off any fireworks, except by written permission of the director of the department of public works.

12.010 - Discharging firearms.

No person shall, except in the performance of some duty required by law or upon permission from the city council, discharge any air gun or gun, pistol or other firearm in or upon any street or public place, or within 100 yards thereof, or in any building, or within 100 yards of any building in the city.

9.12.020 - Shooting bows and arrows.

No person shall shoot with bows and arrows in any street or other public place within the city.

Lexington: § 97-3 Discharge of firearms; hunting and trapping.

A. No person shall fire or discharge any rifle, shotgun, air-rifle or pistol on or across any land within the confines of the Town, but this section shall not prevent the use of such firearms in the lawful defense and protection of one's person or other human being or property, nor shall it apply to veterinarians in the practice of their profession nor in the performance of any duty required or authorized by law, nor to members of the Police Department in carrying out their duties and for target practice by the Police Department and the general public upon ranges duly approved by the Chief of Police, nor to the discharge of blank ammunition if otherwise lawful.

[Amended 3-24-1969 ATM by Art. 47; 1-11-1971 STM by Art. 5]

- B. No person shall hunt, trap or shoot on Town owned land without permission of the Board of Selectmen.

Lincoln: Section 1. Firearms and Explosives

No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park, or other public property, or on or over any private property except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, provided, however, that this By-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law-enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duties, nor to fireworks displays authorized by vote of the Town. Any person violating this By-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars (\$20.)

Littleton: § 77-7. Hunting.

Hunting is not allowed on conservation land.

§ 94-1. Discharge restricted.

Within the town, no person shall fire or discharge any firearm within the limits of any park, playground or other public property, except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, nor fire or discharge any firearm on any private property, except with the consent of the owner or tenant thereof.

§ 94-2. Violations and penalties. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.) for each offense.

§ 94-3. Exceptions. This chapter shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Longmeadow: 6-404. Firearms.

(a) A person shall not discharge a firearm, rifle or shotgun within the limits of the Town. This section does not apply to lawful defense of a person or property, or to an activity for which permission has been given by the landowner or resident and by the Select Board. For the purpose of this by-law, a firearm shall be defined as any instrument used in the propulsion of shot, shell, bullets, or ball by the use of gunpowder.

(b) Hunting by any means or trapping of wildlife is prohibited within the limits of the Town except on a property owner's or resident's own property or on another owner's or resident's property with the written permission of the owners or residents. A copy of such written permission shall be placed on file with the Police Department. This section shall not be construed to permit hunting by means of a firearm within the limits of the town.

Lowell: § 222-3 Firearms.

A. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm within the City, provided that this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military

exercise, review or funeral, or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen.

B. The provisions of this section shall in no way affect or be construed to apply to duly authorized and licensed rifle ranges wherein competitive rifle, pistol and revolver practices, or tournaments in connection with target practice, are held.

C. The City Council, with the approval of the chief executive officer of the City and the Superintendent of Police, may issue permits or licenses to maintain or operate rifle, pistol and revolver ranges, which permits or licenses may, at any time, be revoked by the chief executive officer and the City Council without notice to the licensee or licensees.

D. A license or permit shall not be issued under this section until all the provisions of law or the ordinances have been complied with.

E. A permit or license shall issue only on the payment of a fee as provided in Chapter **150**, Fees, payable to the Police Department.

Ludlow **SECTION 3:** No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, pistol or other firearms within any street, public way, place or square in the Town, except with the permission of the Board of Selectmen; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any firing by a Police Officer in the line of duty.

SECTION 26: Regulating the Use of Firearms in the Stony Brook Wetlands Area (Amended 10/5/98)

In this section the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Firearm" A pistol, revolver or other weapon of any description loaded or unloaded, from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and of which the length of the barrel or barrels is less than sixteen (16) inches or eighteen (18) inches in the case of a shotgun as originally manufactured and the term "length of barrel" shall mean that portion of a firearm, rifle, shotgun, or machine gun through which a shot or bullet is driven, guided or stabilized, and shall include the chamber.

"Rifle" A firearm having a rifled bore, fired from the shoulder, with a barrel length equal to or greater than sixteen (16) inches capable of discharging a shot or bullet for each pull of the trigger. For the purposes of this Bylaw, a shotgun with a rifled bore shall be considered to be a shotgun.

"Shotgun" Means a firearm having a smooth bore, fired from the shoulder, with a barrel length equal to or greater than eighteen inches with an overall length equal to or greater than twenty-six (26) inches, capable of discharging a shot or bullet for each pull of the trigger. For the purposes of this Bylaw, a shotgun with a rifled bore shall be considered to be a shotgun.

"Bow" Means those types of bows and arrows which meet standards generally accepted for bows

and arrows used for hunting purposes, but shall not include a crossbow except **and** by those disabled persons specified in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section

69, nor an arrow gun, so-called, the purpose of which is to discharge an arrow

Arrow" from the bore of a firearm.

1. No person shall discharge any firearm as defined in this section other than a “shotgun” or a “bow and arrow” in the or “primitive firearm” in the Stony Brook Wetlands Area and such use is to occur only during a duly authorized hunting season of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife within the dates of September 1st through January 31st inclusive. A violation of this bylaw is subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each subsequent offense.
2. No target shooting or siting of any **firearm**, including **Bow and Arrow** allowed in this area at any time.

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Nahant

ARTICLE XI – FIREARMS

SECTION 1. No person shall fire or discharge a gun or firearm within the Town, except at a military exercise or review duly authorized by the military authorities of the Commonwealth, or on such occasion as the Selectmen shall specially permit, or in the lawful defense of his person, provided, however, the above shall not apply to duly licensed hunters shooting at game from small boats in the water, which are a minimum of 300 yards off the shore of Nahant, in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Nantucket

54-5 Regulations [G](#). Hunting dogs. No person or persons shall hunt game with more than six dogs. Each dog over six shall constitute a separate violation of this subsection. The Board of Selectmen, upon application, may exempt sporting events from the provisions of this subsection.

[\(6\)](#) Permitted uses of open land. Open land shall be restricted to one or more of the following uses, or the uses referred in MGL c. 184, §§ 31 and 32:

[\(b\)](#) Passive recreation, including nature study, boating, fishing, hunting, picnicking and horseback riding where otherwise legally permitted.

Natick

Section 15 Use of Firearms on Other Hunting Equipment

No person shall fire or discharge any firearms of any kind nor shall use bow and arrow where the arrow is equipped with a metal or other dangerous tip nor use, set, place or maintain any type of leghold, steel-jaw, or Conibear trap within the limits of

any highway, park, or other public property or on any private property, except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant or person having the right of control thereof, provided, however, that this By-Law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property or to any military exercises or funeral.

Needham

3.1.6 Discharge of Firearms. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm, or other explosive articles, within the limits of any park, playground, public way, public building or other property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt, or fire or discharge any firearm or other explosive articles, on any private property except with the written consent of the property's owner or legal occupant. Sub-section 3.1.7 shall not apply to the lawful defense of life and property, or to any lawful enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

New Bedford

Sec. 17-7. Discharging weapons, throwing of missiles, depositing stench bombs, etc. No person shall, except in the performance of some duty required by law, discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm or any "BB" gun, air rifle, paintball gun or other such gun, or use a bow and arrow, or throw stones, snowballs or other missiles, or throw, drop, pour, deposit, discharge or squirt any liquid gaseous or solid whether or not it be injurious to person or property or whether it be nauseous, sickening, irritating or offensive to any of the senses, with intent to wrongfully injure, molest, discomfort or discommode another, in or upon any street, public place or wharf in the city or upon, at or from any vehicle moving or stationary, or at any building, tree or other public or private property or upon or at any person in or upon such street, public place or wharf, except by the written permission of the chief of police.

Newton

Sec. 20-62. Weapons—Discharging firearms.

No person shall, except in the performance of some legal duty, discharge any firearm upon or across any street or public grounds within the city, except by permission of the board of aldermen, nor upon any private property without the consent of the owner or tenant thereof. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 14-14; Rev. Ords. 1995, § 20-14)
State law reference—Offenses involving weapons generally, G.L. c. 269, § 10 et seq.

North Andover

FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of North Andover as Ch. 8 Sec. 8.2 of the General Bylaws. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 105-1 Prohibited Use § 105-1 Prohibited Use.

No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind on private property, except with the consent of the owner of legal document thereof; provided, however, that this chapter shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

North Reading

~ 68_1. Discharge of firearms prohibited; exceptions.

No person shall, except as authorized or required by law, fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece or other firearms, or an air rifle in the Town of North Reading, but provisions of this section shall not apply to the Chief of Police or other police officers in the performance of their duties nor to the use of such weapons at any military exercises or any established rifle range or in the lawful defense of the person, family, or property of any citizens nor to the rights and privileges of an owner or lessee of land as set forth in Chapter 131, Section 37 of the General Laws.

Northborough

2-44-080 Use of firearms

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol, other firearm or any dangerous weapon or instrument in or across any public way or public place or on private grounds unless with the consent of the owner; but this section shall not prevent the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of one's person, family or property nor in the performance of any duty required or authorized by law.

Norwood

ARTICLE XIX. No Shooting – Firearms

Section 1. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm within the limits of any park, playground, or other public property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or fire or discharge any firearm on any private property except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. This by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties. Any person violating any of the provision of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty (\$20) dollars for each offense.

O

Orleans

[§ 158-30. Discharge of firearms and explosives regulated.](#)

[Amended 5-11-2009 ATM, Art. 32]

No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind for target practice purposes within the limits of the Town of Orleans watershed without the permission of the Board.

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Peabody

[Sec. 20-1. - Discharge of firearms; prohibited; exceptions.](#)

No person shall, except as authorized or required by law, fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece or other firearm or an air rifle within the city. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the chief of police or other police officers in the performance of their duties nor to the use of such weapon at any military exercise or at any established rifle range or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen, nor to the rights and privileges of an owner or lessee of land as set forth in M.G.L.A., c. 131 nor shall the provisions of this section apply to persons lawfully upon private property with the express written permission of the owner thereof nor to persons upon public property with the express written permission of the chief of police.

Petersham

ARTICLE VII – POLICE REGULATIONS

Section 3. No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any public way, park, or other public property, or fireworks on private property, without first obtaining a written permit therfor from the Police Chief or Fire Chief as applicable State regulations require; provided, however, that this By-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any discharge of firearms in accordance with law.

Plymouth

§ 30-19. Hunting and Firearms.

No hunting or firearms are allowed within any park or beach except for properly licensed hunters on Town beaches during the migratory waterfowl open hunting season.

Q

Quincy

9.08.030 - Firearms—Discharge—Restrictions.

No person shall fire or discharge a cannon, gun or other firearm within the limits of the city, except at a historical occasion or military exercise or review authorized by the military authority of the Commonwealth; or by the city council or mayor of the city; or in lawful defense of a person, family or property of any citizen; or in the performance of any duty required by law; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to persons engaged in trap or target shooting on the grounds of a gun club licensed to be used for such purposes by the licensing authorities of the city, nor to persons licensed for hunting under the laws of the Commonwealth while hunting wild game with a shotgun.

R

Randolph

HUNTING AND FIREARMS – 116-1

No person shall hunt or fire, discharge, explode or set off any firearm within the limits of the town. Target shooting is prohibited within the limits of the town except where permitted, in writing, by the Chief of Police of Randolph. With respect to firearms, this section shall not prohibit the lawful defense of life or protection of property nor be applicable to any law enforcement official acting in the discharge of his/her duties.

Reading

Public Conduct

5.5.1 Firearms

No person shall fire or discharge any fireworks, firearms, cannon or explosives of any kind (1) on or within the limits of any street, highway, park or other public property, except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen, or (2) on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof and the written permission of the Board of Selectmen; provided, however,

that this Bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties, nor to the use of such weapon at any military exercises or any established rifle range, nor to the rights and privileges of an owner or lessee of land as set forth in Chapter 131 of the General Laws.

Revere

[9.20.010 - Discharging firearms or air guns.](#)

No person shall fire or discharge a cannon, gun or other firearm within the limits of the city except at a historical occasion or military exercise or review authorized by the military authority of the commonwealth or by the city council or mayor of the city or in lawful defense of a person, family or property of any citizen or any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his or her duties; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to persons engaged in trap or target shooting on the grounds of a gun club licensed to be used for such purposes by the licensing authorities of the city, nor to persons licensed for hunting under the laws of the commonwealth while hunting game with a shotgun.

Rockland

[§ 342-8. Throwing of stones, snowballs or other objects.](#)

No person shall throw stones, snowballs or other missiles, or shoot with or use any gun, bean blower, bow and arrow, sling shot, or other similar device in, on or across any public way, park, beach or common lands of the Town. No person shall play at any game in which a ball is used, on the travelled part of any street or on any sidewalk.

[§ 314-2. Firearms.](#)

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm in or across any public way or place, or within 50 yards thereof, except in a building, but this section shall not prevent the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of one's person, family or property, nor the performance of any duty required or authorized by law.

Rockport

HUNTING BYLAW
Section 1.

Section 2. Section 3.

No person shall hunt or fire or discharge any firearms on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or the legal occupant thereof, and such consent shall be carried at all times by any person hunting and upon request shall be shown to a police officer or officer of the Department of Conservation, or the property owner or his agent.

This bylaw shall not be applied to the lawful defense of life or property or to any law enforcement officer in the defense of his duties.

Any person violating any provisions of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each offense.

This bylaw was passed at the Annual Town Meeting of March 5, 1962, by a unanimous vote, approved by the Attorney General on May 2, 1962, and published in the Newburyport Daily News and the Lawrence Eagle Tribune on August 20, 27 and September 3, 1962.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING BYLAW

No person shall hunt, fire or discharge any firearm, or engage in trapping of animals of any kind within the limits of any highway, park, or other public property except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen, provided, however, that this Bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties, and further provided that this Bylaw shall not apply to hunting or use of firearms on salt marshlands. Said consent of the Selectmen shall be carried at all times by any person hunting, and upon request shall be shown to any police officer, or officer of the Division of Natural Resources.

Cemetery bylaw – section 4 - No firearms shall be discharged in the cemetery, except for salutes at military funerals.

Royalston

ARTICLE X. POLICE REGULATIONS SECTION 1. Every person operating or in charge of an automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle within the limits of any public way, park, or other public property in the Town shall, upon request of any constable or police officer, forthwith move the same as directed by said officer. SECTION 2. No person shall disturb the peace, obstruct traffic, or perform malicious mischief within the limits of any public way, park or other public property in the Town. SECTION 3. No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any public way; park, or other public property without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the Selectmen; provided, however that this By-Law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any discharge of any firearms in accordance with the law.

S

Salem

Section 22-2 – Noise enumerated

(7) Explosives, firearms and similar devices. The use or firing of explosives, firearms or similar devices which create impulsive sound so as to cause a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right-of-way, without first obtaining a special variance issued pursuant to this Code. Such permit need not be obtained for licensed game-hunting activities on property where such activities are authorized.

Sec. 24-4. - Discharging firearms.

No person shall, except as authorized or required by law, fire or discharge any pistol, rifle or shotgun in the city. This section shall not apply to:

- (1) The performance by the marshal or other police officers of their duties.
- (2) The use of such weapons at any military exercise or at an established rifle range.
- (3) The lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen.
- (4) The exercise within the confines of the city's police jurisdiction of the rights and privileges of an owner or lessee of land as set forth in M.G.L.A. c. 131, including coastal duck hunting. However, this subsection shall apply to all waters on the inland side of Lafayette Street and on the seaward side of Lafayette from Pickering Point at Forest River Park to the nearest point along Salem-Marblehead corporation boundary line in Salem Harbor, which area specifically includes Jeggles Island, and as shown as hatched area on the copy of a portion of the 1970 U.S. Geologic Map on file in the city offices.

Sec. 24-6. - Shooting bows and arrows or slingshots, throwing missiles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot with or use a bow and arrow, slingshot or airgun or to throw a stone or missile.

Sec. 16-99. - Discharging firearms.

No firearms shall be discharged in Greenlawn Cemetery, except for salutes at military funerals.

Salisbury

§ 170-26. Parks, playgrounds and rail trails.

C. No person shall discharge any firearm or release any arrow in any public park or playground or upon or across any rail trail within the Town of Salisbury or within 150 feet of any such park, playground or rail trail. Violators shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for the second and each subsequent offense.

Saugus

602.10 No person shall fire or discharge any firearm within the limits of any park, playground or public property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt or fire or discharge any firearm on any private property except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. This By-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Scituate

SECTION 30110 FIREARMS

A Hunting and the discharge of firearms, air rifles and pellet guns is prohibited on or over the waters of Tack Factory Pond and in all of that part of the Town of Scituate lying easterly of Chief Justice Cushing Highway with the exception of the marshes or meadows (so-called) bordering the North River and the Glades, all shown on a plan on file at the office of the Engineering Division at the Town Hall.

Sharon

SECTION 28. Except as herein provided, no person shall fire or discharge any firearms, rifles or shotguns of any caliber or gauge anywhere within the limits of the town unless issued a permit to do so by the Chief of Police or his authorized designees, except when the person is discharging a firearm, rifle or shotgun on his own property. No permit shall be issued allowing the firing or discharging of a firearm, rifle or shotgun within the limits of any private property unless the applicant first obtains the written permission of the property owner or authorized designee.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duty, nor the use of a firearm, rifle or shotgun in the lawful defense of life or property, or in any military exercise or at any established firing range of a fish and game or sportsmen's club.

SECTION 28B. No person shall trap wildlife on any land owned by the Town or by the Town's Conservation Commission unless a written permit shall have been obtained prior to the opening of each trapping season from the Selectmen in the case of land owned by the Town or from the Conservation Commission in the case of

land owned by the Conservation Commission. Such permit must be worn in a visible manner and must be shown on demand to any Sharon Police Officer or to the Town's Conservation Officer.

Sheffield

§ 126-1. Permission of property owner required.

No person shall hunt on any town-owned or private property in the Town of Sheffield without written permission of the owner of the land upon which hunting will take place. The written permission must be carried while hunting and be renewed on an annual basis.

Somerville

Sec. 9-86. - Shooting guns and firearms.

No person shall, except in the performance of some duty required of him or her by law, discharge any cannon, gun, pistol or other firearm, loaded with ball or shot, or with power or other explosive only, or any flobert rifle, so-called, or any air gun, without authority of the board of aldermen.

South Hadley

SECTION 802 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; ARCHERY

802.1 Town Owned Land

No person shall discharge a firearm or arrow on any land owned by the Town, except on land designated by the Selectboard and on file with the office of the Town Clerk.

802.2 Private Property

No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm on posted private property without the permission of the owner, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131.

802.3 Exceptions

This Section shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, or to any discharge of firearms in accordance with law enforcement, at any military exercise,

for the purpose of construction or sport shooting at an established gun-sporting club.

SECTION 803 DISCHARGE OF AIR, PELLET, PAINT-BALL GUNS

No person shall discharge an air, pellet, paint-ball or other weapon used to shoot projectiles on Town-owned land, public ways, or on private property other than said person's own property or the property of the person's parents, children, grandchildren or their respective spouses without permission of the owner of the land upon which discharge of such weapons will take place.

Southborough

Chapter 110. HUNTING

§ 110-1. Permission required.

No person shall be allowed to hunt on public or private property, except by written permission of the owner of the private or public property, and such person shall have in his possession such written permission at the time of hunting.

Southwick

§ 104-1. Discharge prohibited; exception.

No person shall discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm, in any of the streets or highways or on public property in the town, provided that this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of anyone, or in the performance of any duty required by law, nor to the firing of a salute of a cannon or artillery by permission of the Board of Selectmen.

Stoneham

Sec. 9_5. Discharging firearm, air rifle, etc.

No person shall, except as authorized or required by law, fire, discharge any gun, fowling piece, other firearms, air rifles, fireworks or other explosives in the town; provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the chief of police or other police officers or auxiliary police in the performance of their duties nor to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or at an established rifle range or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen, nor to the rights and

privileges of an owner or lessee of land as set forth in Chapter 131 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 12, Sec.~10; 11_21_55)

Stow

SECTION 19.

- (a) No person shall fire or discharge any firearms on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof.
- (b) This bylaw shall not apply to lawful defense of life or property nor any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Sudbury

SECTION 8. No person shall fire or discharge any machine gun, cannon, pistol or revolver, rifle, air rifle or BB gun, shot gun or explosives of any kind on private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof or within the limits of any Town-owned public property except that, in accordance with recommended wildlife management practices, the Conservation Commission, subject to any conditions it may

19impose, may grant permission to hunt on specific public property over which said Conservation Commission has jurisdiction. Nothing in this bylaw shall be construed is such a way as to prohibit the lawful use of any of the above named guns in the defense of life or property or on any range as defined in Section 9 or in any other manner in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Violation of this section shall be subject to a penalty of \$50.

SECTION 9. No person under eighteen years of age shall fire a rifle within the limits of the Town without first obtaining a license to do so from the Chief of Police. This shall not apply to the use of rifles by members of the militia acting under orders from the officers thereof, or to any person shooting on any range within the limits of the Town approved by the Board of Selectmen, or to the use of firearms in the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any discharge of firearms in accordance with the law. Violation of this section shall be subject to a penalty of \$50.

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Tolland

Hunting Bylaw Town of Tolland, MA

No person shall hunt on any public or private property in the Town of Tolland without written permission of the owner of the land upon which hunting will take place.

Topsfield

CHAPTER XXVIII HUNTING AND TRAPPING BY-LAW

28-1 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS.

28-1.1 Consent Required for Hunting, Trapping or Discharge of Firearms on Public or Private Property. No person shall hunt, trap or snare game or fire or discharge any firearm on any Town property without the written consent of the Board of Selectmen or on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof; and such consent shall be carried at all times by such person and upon request, it shall be shown to any Police Officer, game warden, or to any other local or State law enforcement official or to the property owner, legal occupant, or his agent.

This By-Law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

This By-Law may be enforced pursuant to GLc 40 ~ 21D by any Police Officer of the Town. The penalty for such non-criminal enforcement shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars per violation. (Art. 14, 11/25/59; Art. 42, 3/7/60; Art. 23, 5/13/75 [Art. XI])

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Waltham

PART II GENERAL ORDINANCES – Chapter 10, OFFENSES—MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL – Sec. 10-1. Discharge of firearms

- (a) No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or firearm cartridge in or across any of the public streets or within the limits of a park or other public place within the city without the written permission of the chief of police, nor shall any person on private property, other than the owner or legal occupant thereof, fire or discharge any firearm or firearm cartridge nor have in his possession a firearm of any description, without the written consent of the owner or legal occupant of such private property, such written permission to be carried by the person firing, discharging or carrying such firearm.

Wareham

Section 6. No person or persons shall discharge any firearms of any kind from all shores, banks, and waters of the Wareham River from the Narrows Bridge to the Tremont Nail Co., and from all shores, banks, and waters of the Agawam River from the Narrows Bridge to the downstream to the westerly end of Lot 1060 on Sheet 43, now or formerly the property of the Buzzards Bay Gas Company. Whoever violates the provisions of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

Section 7. No person or persons shall discharge any firearms of any kind from all Shores, banks and waterways of the East River, north from the Point Independence Bridge and from all shores, banks and waters of Broad Cove, Muddy Cove up to the Penn Central Railroad adjacent to Ocean Spray Plant located on Rts. 6-28. Whoever violates the provisions of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

Wayland

§ 120-1. Leghold or conibear traps.

No person shall use, set, place or maintain any type or modification of a steel-jaw leghold or conibear trap, either padded or unpadded, within the limits of any highway, park or other public property in the Town of Wayland. Trapping on posted or unposted private property, other than those types prohibited by this section, shall only be permitted if written permission is obtained from the owner or legal occupant or person having the right or control thereof. First offenders shall be fined not less than \$150. Second or subsequent offenders shall be fined not less than \$300.

§ 139-8. Explosives and firearms.

[Amended 4-23-1979 ATM by Art. 27]

No person shall carry uncased or unholstered firearms or discharge explosives or firearms on public property without the prior written permission of the Board of Selectmen or on private property without the prior written permission of its owner. This section shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property.

Wellesley

49.9A. Use of Firearms. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or air-gun in or across any street in the Town, or on any property of the Town, or on any private property in the Town without the written permission of the owner or tenant of such private property, but in no event shall such firearm or airgun be fired or discharged within 500 feet of a public street or a dwelling or other occupied building other than a dwelling or building owned or occupied by the person entitled to give such

permission. This section shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the performance of a legal duty or military exercise or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen.

49.9B. No person shall use, set, place or maintain any type of leghold, steel-jaw, Conibear, or padded jaw trap within the limits of any highway, street, park, or other public property of the Town, or on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant or person having the right of control thereof.

49.9C. Any person violating this Section shall be subject to a fine of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense, and each trap in violation of paragraph 49.9B shall constitute a separate offense.

Wellfleet

ARTICLE VII - Section 16. No person shall fire or discharge any kind of firearms, air or spring pistol or rifle, or set fire to any powder or combustible or throw any form of combustible or explosive article in any street or public place except in the discharge of some legal duty, without the permission of the Selectmen.

West Tisbury

FIREARMS, DISCHARGE OF

No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or explosive of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property except with the permission of the Selectmen; or on any private property other than his own except with the written consent of the owner, owner's agent or legal occupant thereof, carried on his or her person; provided, however, that this by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life nor any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties. Written permission must be produced on demand of all officers empowered to enforce Town and State laws and landowners, lessees or their agents. Those found to be in violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Westfield

Sec. 10-11. - Discharging firearms.

No person shall, except in the performance of some duty required by law, or upon permission from the chief of the police department, discharge any air gun or gun,

pistol or other firearm in or upon any street or public place, or within 100 yards thereof, or in any building, or within 100 yards of any building in the city.

Westford

Chapter 95 – Firearms

[Adopted 4-7-73 Adj. ATM Art. 17. Replaced 5-11-89 Adj. ATM Art. 19. Replaced 5-5-90 ATM Art. 31. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 95.1. Prohibited activity on public property.

Subject to existing law, no person shall fire or discharge any firearms on any public property within the Town without the possession of written permission, provided that nothing herein shall be construed to authorize or permit the discharge of firearms on public property at any time for target practice or on any public property which is under the care, custody or control of the School Committee or the Conservation Commission.

§ 95.2. Prohibited activity on private property.

Subject to existing law, no person shall fire or discharge any firearms on any private property within the Town without the possession of written permission of the owner or legal occupant thereof.

§ 95.3. Exceptions.

This bylaw shall not be construed to prohibit the discharge of firearms:

- A. By a law enforcement officer or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in the performance of his/her duties.
- B. In the lawful defense of life or property.
- C. By the members of any bona fide hunting club or fish and game association, on land belonging to such club or association.
- D. In the use of blank cartridges for sporting events and ceremonial or demonstration purposes, or the use of tools actuated by gun powder discharge for construction purposes.
- E. For target practice on private property with the possession of written permission of the owner or legal occupant thereof, provided that suitable precautions and safety measures have been taken to prevent injury or damage to persons or property outside of or beyond such private property.

§ 95.4. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second, \$300 for the third and each subsequent offense.

Westminster

Chapter 104. FIREARMS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Special Town Meeting 11-12-1974 by Art. 2 as Art. XIV, Sec. 2, of the 1975 Bylaws. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 104-1. Discharge restricted; exceptions.

No person shall fire or discharge any firearm, air rifle, bow and arrow or slingshot within five hundred (500) feet of any occupied dwelling or one hundred (100) feet of any street, across a public way or on any private posted grounds, except with the consent of the occupant thereof; provided, however, that this chapter shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen, nor to any act or duty required or justified by law.

§ 104-2. Use in parks.

Hunting and firearms are prohibited in Hager Park and the Rambler Recreation Area.

Weston

ARTICLE III - SECTION 6. No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park, or other public property, or on any private property, except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof; provided, however, that this by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any discharge of firearms in accordance with law.

ARTICLE XV

(Town Forests)

SECTION 1. The use of any portion of the town forests, parks and conservation lands and the access ways thereto, by motorized vehicles, including recreational vehicles, and snowmobiles, is prohibited.

SECTION 4. Discharging firearms in any portion of the lands described in Section 1, except by police in performance of official duties or except with the written permission of the town committee or commission charged with the care, custody and control of the applicable lands, is prohibited.

Westport

1102.4 - No one shall carry a firearm, rifle or shotgun in or on a snow vehicle or a recreational vehicle or on a trailer or sled attached thereto, unless such firearm, rifle or shotgun is unloaded and in an enclosed case, unless he is a law enforcement officer or other person authorized to carry arms or a paraplegic as provided in section sixty-five of chapter one hundred and thirty-one.

Westwood

SECTION 4. Firearms. No person shall discharge any gun or firearm within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any street, public way, place or square in the town except with the permission of the board of selectmen, or on any private ground except with the consent of the owner thereof; provided, however, that this bylaw shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military ceremony or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of a citizen.

Weymouth

SECTION 6-402 Prohibition concerning firearms including guns and cannons
No person, except a police officer in the performance of his or her duties, shall discharge any gun, firearm or cannon in any street or way or any other place in the Town of Weymouth except in defense of life or property. The Town Council, with the consent of the Mayor may provide for exceptions to this restriction for the purpose of celebrating a patriotic or historical occasion. The penalty for violation of this section shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

SECTION 6- 403 Restrictions on Hunting at Back River and Great Esker Park;
violations and penalties
Hunting, use of bow and arrow, employment of steel leg-hold traps and discharging of firearms, except by law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties, shall be prohibited on that portion of Town-owned property consisting of approximately two hundred thirty-seven (237) acres, commonly known as "Back River and Great Esker Park," as described by a deed between the United States of America and the Town of Weymouth, dated October 24, 1966, and recorded at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 4390, Page 670. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each violation.

Wilbraham

ARTICLE VI - REGULATION OF PUBLIC CONDUCT

SECTION 600: DISCHARGING OF FIREARMS (Art. V, Sec. 20)(Amended
ATM, 5/7/01, Art.21)

No person shall discharge a firearm on any land owned by the Town of Wilbraham. Hunting of deer by means of archery, during seasons allowed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, is permitted on town-owned land designated suitable by the Wilbraham Conservation Commission. Hunters may

obtain permission from the Wilbraham Conservation Commission, acting as the agent for town-owned land, on forms provided for this purpose by the Town Clerk. No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm on any private property in the Town of Wilbraham, other than said person's parent's, children's, grandchildren's or their respective spouse's, own property, without written permission of the owner of the land upon which hunting will take place. Permission forms shall be obtained from the Wilbraham Town Clerk's Office. The distribution of the permission form prior to hunting shall be as follows:

The Town Clerk shall receive and stamp all copies, one of which shall be retained by the Town Clerk, another shall be forwarded to the Police Department by the Town Clerk, and the original copy must be retained by the hunter and must be carried while hunting and be renewed on an annual basis.

Each offender shall receive a written notice to appear before the Town Clerk at any time during office hours, not later than twenty-one days after the date of such notice. Fine for first offense shall be \$100. Second time offenders shall be fined a minimum of \$100 up to \$300. This By-Law shall be enforced by all State and local law enforcement officials and shall be administered under the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D on non-criminal dispositions and any Town By-Law implementing said statute, provided, however, that this By-Law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, or to any discharge of firearms in accordance with law enforcement. (Amended ATM 04/30/88 Art. 20, ATM 06/12/93 Art. 22)

Williamstown

~ 86-12. Rules for visitors.

C. Firearms will be allowed in the cemetery only at military funerals. Hunting on cemetery property is strictly prohibited.

~ 103-1. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

J. Discharge or have any firearms, bows and arrows or fireworks in any park, playground or beach under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners, except at those areas specifically authorized by the Park Commissioners in keeping with the permit issued for same.

Wilmington

DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

SECTION 25. Within the Town limits of Wilmington, Massachusetts no person or persons shall discharge any firearm, air or gas operated gun of any kind except members of the Police Department and other authorized law enforcement officers whether Federal, State or Municipal in performance of their lawful duties; also with the exception of a person protecting his life or property, also excepting the discharge of firearms using blank ammunition in fulfilling but not limited to the

needs of historical, ceremonial, construction, competitive and sporting activities, and a person at an authorized target range. The Police Chief may issue permits for target ranges and shall inspect such places and establish safety requirements for their use. The permit shall be valid for one year and may be revoked for cause at any time by the Police Chief.

Responsible organizations observing historical events or traditional services by gravesides, using firearms with blank cartridges and contractors' powder-fired charge tools are specifically exempted from this by-law.

Section 25.1. Hunting on public lands of the Town of Wilmington is prohibited per M.G.L. 131, Section 59. When Town Clerk issues a hunting license in Wilmington, a copy of this by-law will be presented to the hunting licensee. The Town Manager shall have the authority to authorize Public Safety Officials to hunt on town owned property in order to address a nuisance situation.

Winthrop

9.08.010 Discharge of firearms within town limits.

No person shall, except as authorized, justified or required by law, fire or discharge any gun or other firearms or an air rifle within the limits of the town, but the provisions of this section shall not apply to any member of the police department in the performance of his or her duties or to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen.

(Prior code § 134-1)

Woburn

VII. CONSERVATION AREA USE REGULATIONS

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Rules and regulations designated.

As conservation areas are meant to be preserved in their natural state for their environmental value, their aesthetic importance and the public enjoyment, the following rules and regulations are established for the areas under the control of the Woburn conservation commission:

D. The following are expressly prohibited:

1. The use of firearms. Fishing is allowed in accordance with state and local regulations. Hunting and trapping is allowed with the express permission of the Conservation Commission, the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Public Works and in accordance with state law and local regulations (amended 2/14/2000);

XI. POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Use of weapons.

- A. No person shall, except as authorized or required by law, fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece or other firearm or an air rifle in the City, but the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Chief of Police or other police officer in the performance of their duties, nor to the use of such weapons at any military exercise, or at an established rifle range, or in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of any citizen, nor to the rights and privileges of an owner or lessee of land as set forth in Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws; nor shall the provisions of the ordinance codified in this section be applied against any incorporated or unincorporated group of individuals who are organized under the auspices of, and supervised by, the New England Field Trial Association, and when such group, endorsed and supervised by said association, convenes for the purpose of holding field trials.

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Yarmouth

Chapter 84. FIREARMS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Yarmouth 4-7-1981 by Art. 16. Editor's Note: This chapter was derived from Section 6.53 of the Town of Yarmouth Bylaws and was originally adopted 6-5-1978 by Art. 43. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 84-1. Restricted area.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge firearms on Bass River or along its shores for a distance 300 feet back from the river, in an area extending from the mouth of Bass River to its northernmost shores, including the waters and shores of Follins Pond, Kelly's Pond, Kelley's Bay and Dinah's Pond.