Chapter 22

OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 22-1. Discharge of firearms, airguns or bows and arrows.

(a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Airgun means any rifle, pistol or revolver by which a projectile is discharged by means of compressed gas, but does not include the so-called BB guns.

Firearm means any weapon from which shot, a bullet or other projectile is discharged by a solid propellant.

Private target range means an area for the discharge of weapons for sport which area and the use thereof is controlled by a club or association and, except for special events, use thereof is limited to members of the group or association.

Public places includes all property owned by the state, the county, the city or other political subdivision of the state; public roadways and streets within the city; cemeteries; and places of public accommodation.

Public target range means an area for the discharge of weapons for sport under controlled conditions which is privately owned but open to the public, and for the use thereof a fee is charged.

Shotgun means a shoulder firearm from which shot or a legal shotgun slug is discharged by means of a solid propellant; muzzle-loading rifles of legal caliber are included in this category.

(b) *Illegal use of firearms.*

(1) Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge upon, over, or onto the land of another a firearm of any kind; bow and arrow, crossbow, or any airgun, BB gun, slingshot, or other devices for the propulsion of shots or metal pellets by means of compressed air, gas or mechanical spring action, without the express written and dated permission of the owner or lessee of such property to discharge such firearms, weapons or other devices thereon.

(2) Except at target ranges as defined in subsection (a) of this section, no person shall discharge at any time whatsoever a rifle, pistol or revolver of a caliber greater than a .22 long rifle.

(c) *Unlawful discharge.*

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, within one-half mile, to discharge any rifle, pistol or revolver in the direction of any building, excepting the owner or lessee of said building.

(2) Shotguns, bows and arrows, crossbows, airguns, slingshots or any other similar devices for the propulsion of shots or metal pellets by means of compressed air, gas or mechanical spring action may not be discharged within 500 feet in the direction of any building except by the owner or lessee of the building.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any gun, pistol, revolver, or other firearm or airgun in any public place.

(Ord. No. 57, §§ 1--3, 5, 4-2-1985; Ord. No. 87, § 2, 3-7-2000)

State Law References: Local regulation of firearms, Minn. Stats. § 471.663.