

Firearms, Bows, Slingshots & Weapons

ORDINANCE 1985-20

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Discharge of Firearms within Town Limits and Restricting the Discharge of Bows and Arrows, Crossbows, Slingshots and Gas-Charged Weapons and Hunting Instruments and Provide Penalty for Violation Thereof

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF ROLLING HILLS:

Section 1 – Discharge of Firearm

No person shall discharge any firearm, gun or other instrument that shoots, ejects or propels a bullet, pellet, or projectile by explosion within the municipal limits of Rolling Hills. This section is particularly applicable to, but not limited to, any firearm, gun or other instrument utilizing gun powder, black powder or any other combustible as a source of explosion.

Section 2 – Discharge of Other Instruments

No person shall discharge any bow and arrow, crossbow, slingshot, air gun, spring gun or other instruments which shoots, ejects or propels a projectile by means of compressed gas or spring propulsion within the municipal limits of Rolling Hills, except in the following instances:

(a) Upon private property for which permission to discharge an instrument categorized in Section 2 has been granted by the owner or lessee.

(b) Upon any property with specially constructed targets, backstops or galleries that limit the flight of projectiles to the target area.

Despite the above mentioned exceptions, any projectile discharged from an instrument described above which crosses onto property for which permission has not been granted shall be deemed to be a violation of this ordinance.

Section 3 - Exceptions

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to place a limitation or prohibition on discharge of any of the listed instruments by law enforcement officials in pursuit of their lawful duties, in the case of self-defense, or within an area or zone designated by the town council for instructional or recreational purposes.

Section 4 – Penalty

Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall pay a fine not to exceed \$750.

PASSED, APROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 1985.

Mayor Carl Bergman