

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25

## REGULATION OF FIREARMS

The City of Carson City Ordains:

SECTION I: Discharge of Guns - Prohibited: Exceptions. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any gun within the corporate limits of the City. This section shall not apply to the discharge of guns on any target, trap or skeet range or shooting area which has been inspected and approved in writing by the Range Approval Committee or to the discharge of guns where necessary to protect life or property or to kill any dangerous animal or to any duly authorized peace officer acting in the proper performance of his official duties or to the discharge of blank cartridges in theatrical performances or sporting events or to the firing of salutes by firing squads.

SECTION II: Range Approval Committee - Established: Functions. There is hereby established a Range Approval Committee for the City to be composed of 6 members who are citizens of the City, who shall be appointed by the City Council and who shall serve without compensation.

The Committee shall issue target, trap and skeet range and shooting area approval certificates which certificates may specify the time and manner of shooting and the type of gun or ammunition which may be used on such range or area. Any such approval certificate shall be valid for 12 months after its issuance and shall be issued only upon a finding by a majority of the Committee that the discharge of guns upon such ranges or areas will not jeopardize life or property.

No range or area shooting certificates shall be issued except upon the written application of the owner, leasee or person lawfully in possession of the land upon which is located the range or area sought to be approved. Copies of all approval certificates shall be sent by the Committee to the Chief of Police and copies shall be submitted to the City Council and incorporated into the minutes.

SECTION III: Definition. The term "gun" shall include any fire-arms, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol, air gun, air rifle or any similar mechanism by whatever name known which is designed to expel a projectile through a gun barrel by action of any explosive, gas, compressed air, spring or elastic.

SECTION IV: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. Ordinance Number Four, To Maintain Quiet and Good Order, effective as of May 14, 1887, is hereby specifically repealed. All other ordinances or sections thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

(Ordinance Number 25 con't.)


SECTION V: Penalty. Any person who shall be convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance or the conditions of an approval certificate issued hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION VI: When Effective: This Ordinance shall take effect February 28, 1966 in accordance with Sec. 7.3 (d) Chapter 7 of the City Charter.

Dated: February 15, 1966

We the undersigned, as Mayor and City Comptroller of the City of Carson City, Michigan, do hereby certify that this Ordinance Number 25 of the City of Carson City, was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 15, 1966 by a vote of Six (6) for, Zero (0) against, and Zero (0) abstaining.

July 19, 1994

  
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Charles L. Carberry, Mayor

  
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Janet Kelly, Comptroller

Motioned by Barnes, supported by Terry, the the following is in addition to Ordinance Number 25, Section 2.

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL RULES FOR INDOOR SHOOTING RANGES IN CARSON CITY.**

**LOCATION:**

Must be in an enclosed building with suitable walls.

**BACKSTOPS:**

Shall be made of heavy steel of a thickness to safely stop .22 caliber, .38 caliber and .45 caliber target ammunition, and have suitable bullet traps and sides to stop bullet spatter depending upon the caliber of the weapon being used.

**BACK-UP MATERIAL:**

The area immediately to the rear and sides of the backstops shall have heavy planking or other suitable material installed to adequately stop any bullets that may miss the backstops. This material is to be located in such a manner as to positively give protection to people or buildings in the vicinity of said shooting range.

**STORAGE OF GUNS, AMMUNITION AND OTHER EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS:**

All guns, ammunition, powder, primers or any material of a combustible or explosive nature shall be stored in cabinets, closets, or enclosed rooms, safe from public access or likely danger from fire or theft.

The material is to be supervised, inventoried, and dispersed by the authorized personnel of the club, commercial concern or private individual.

**OPERATION:**

The shooting range or ranges described above shall be operated by rules and standards established by the N.R.A. No shooting shall take place unless under the supervision of qualified personnel.

**HOURS:**

The hours of shooting shall at no time interfere with adjacent business places, public or private gatherings.

**MAINTENANCE:**


The range shall be maintained to the above specifications at all times.

**CHANGE OF RULES:**

These rules are subject to change or revision by the Safety Committee established under Ordinance Number 25, Section 2, and appointed by the mayor. All such changes are subject to approval by the City Council.

We the undersigned, as Mayor and City Comptroller of the City of Carson City, Michigan, do hereby certify that this addition to Ordinance Number 25, Section 2 was passed at a regular meeting of the Carson City Council held on March 15, 1966 by a vote of Four(4) for, Zero (0) against, and Zero (0) abstaining.

Dated: July 19, 1994

  
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Charles L. Carberry, Mayor

  
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Janet Kelly, Comptroller