

Town of Windsor

Memorandum

March 8, 2016

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Michael Stallings, Town Manager *MS*
SUBJECT: Firearms Ordinance

As requested at the January Town Council meeting, I have attached a copy of the current Town Ordinance regarding shooting firearms in the Town limits.

As you can see, shooting is only permitted in A-1 Agricultural and R-4 Low Density Residential zonings. And in those zonings, the shooting of rifles is prohibited. Any shooting must not be within 100 yards of a structure.

This ordinance was adopted back in 2011.

This item is on the agenda for discussion and direction.

§ 70-1 Willfully discharging in public places.

If any person willfully discharges or causes to be discharged any firearm in any street in the Town, or in any place of public business or place of public gathering, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided that this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties or to any other person whose willful act is otherwise justifiable or excusable at law in the protection of his life or property, or is otherwise specifically authorized by law.

§ 70-2 Shooting in or along road or in street.

A. If any person discharges a firearm in or along any road, or within 100 yards thereof, or in a street of the Town, he shall, for each offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.

B. The provision of this section shall not apply to firing ranges or shooting matches maintained, and supervised or approved, by law enforcement officers and military personnel in performance of their lawful duties.

§ 70-3 Shooting within town limits.

- A. No person shall discharge a rifle of any kind within the Town limits.
- B. No person shall discharge any firearm on any property within the Town limits, except for those properties zoned Agricultural (A-1) or Low-Density Residential (R-4).
- C. No Person shall discharge any firearm within 100 yards of any structure.
- D. This section shall not apply to law enforcement officers in performance of their lawful duties, or those individuals acting under a permit issued by any Federal, State, or Local government.