

609. FIREARMS, HUNTING AND TRAPPING

609.010. DEFINITIONS.

1. Firearm. A gun that discharges shot or a projectile by means of an explosive, a gas, or compressed air. A bow is not a firearm.
2. Trapping. The setting, laying, using, or having in possession of any mechanical device or snare which seeks to hold, capture or kill an animal.

609.020. FIREARM DISCHARGE PROHIBITED. No person shall discharge or attempt to discharge any firearm in the City, except:

1. in lawful defense of person or property against an unlawful act; or
2. by peace officers or military personnel in the course of their duties and in necessary connection with enforcement of the laws; or
3. for the discharge of a blank cartridge pistol or rifle in connection with an event hosted by the City and by arrangement with the City.

609.030. HUNTING PROHIBITED. No person shall hunt any bird or animal by any means within the City.

609.040. TRAPPING PROHIBITED. No person shall engage in trapping, except:

1. for the use of live traps which are tended to at least every 12 hours and which are employed for the control of nuisance animals; and
2. for the purposes of trapping rats, mice, gophers and moles.

609.050. HUNTING AND TRAPPING EXCEPTIONS. The City Council may, by resolution, provide for limited and temporary suspensions of § 609.030 and/or § 609.040.

609.100. PENALTIES. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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