Community Firearms Committee Recommendations

The Community Firearms Committee, an Ad Hoc committee formed by the Mayor for consideration of issues relative to discharge of firearms within the city of New Franklin, now presents its recommendations to City Council for provisions to be included in the event the City determines to propose a firearms discharge Ordinance:

A. No person shall discharge a rifle, shotgun, handgun or any other firearm within the City except as otherwise permitted in subsections (B) and (C).

B. Lawful hunting sanctioned by the Ohio Division of Wildlife or the Ohio Division of Natural Resources is not prohibited by this section. Shot shell skeet or trap shooting is not prohibited by this section.

C. Nothing contained in subsection (A) above shall limit or prohibit the following activities:
   (1) The discharge of any type of firearm by a law enforcement officer within the scope of his official duties;
   (2) The discharge of a firearm by any person in the proper exercise of the right of defense and security (Ref. Ohio Const. Art. I, Sec. 4);
   (3) The discharge of a firearm to protect livestock or domestic animals from attack by another animal; to control/euthanize livestock or nuisance animals; or for home butchering purposes.
   (4) The discharge of a firearm using blank cartridges in connection with sporting events; the firing of salutes in official or ceremonial functions; or the discharge of non-lethal hunting training aids.
   (5) The discharge of any firearm (other than as excepted in sections (1)-(4) above) by a land owner, resident or authorized invitee on the owner’s property, provided that all of the following apply:
   (a) The property is one acre or larger;
   (b) The firearm is discharged into a backstop sufficient to contain the rounds being discharged;
   (c) The discharge does not occur within 100 feet of any house or building which is the permanent habitation of any person other than the shooter;
   (d) The discharge does not occur prior to 9 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays or Noon on Sundays, nor after sunset on any day;
(e) The discharge does not continue for more than two hours from initial discharge in any one session. One additional two-hour session on the same day is permissible after a one hour delay;

(f) Not more than one firearm is discharged simultaneously unless the backstop provides 42 inches of access for each shooter.

D. A land owner, resident or authorized invitee who intends to discharge a firearm within city limits consistent with the restrictions set forth above shall prior to such use notify neighboring property owners and others who might be within 100 yards of discharge, by means of signage, symbols, horns or alarms, or other sufficient means.

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