

WAKE COUNTY FIREARMS ORDINANCE

ARTICLE II. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

Sec. 2-9-16. On public streets or highways.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm on or from the traveled portion of any public street or highway. For purposes of this Article “firearm” is defined as any gun, rifle, pistol, or other barreled weapon capable of discharging projectiles such as shot, bullets, pellets, or other missiles at a muzzle velocity of at least 600 feet per second and actually loaded with such a projectile;

Sec. 2-9-17. Within one hundred yards of a dwelling.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than the owner or lessee of a dwelling or a member of the immediate family actually residing in such dwelling to discharge any firearm within one hundred (100) yards thereof without the written permission of the owner or lessee of such property. The written permission shall be dated and shall be valid for no longer than one year after its issuance. Such permission must be displayed upon the request of any law enforcement officer with authority to enforce this Article.

Sec. 2-9-18. Within one hundred yards of public building.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within one hundred (100) yards of any building reasonably likely to be occupied, including but not limited to any school, church or warehouse, or any playground or park.

Sec. 2-9-19. Within one hundred yards of livestock.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within one hundred (100) yards of any domestic livestock belonging to others unless such person first procures the written permission of the owner of such domestic livestock.

Sec. 2-9-20. Projectile of discharged firearm.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm in such a way as will, or is likely to result in the load thereof leaving the property upon which the firearm is lawfully discharged.

Sec. 2-9-21. Exceptions.

(a) *Commercial Facilities.* No provision in this article shall interfere with the operation of recognized or approved rifle or pistol ranges, skeet or trapshooting facilities or “turkey shoots,” when said are conducted in compliance with Article III of this chapter.

(b) *Miscellaneous Exceptions.* None of the provisions of this article shall apply to law enforcement officers or members of the armed forces acting in the line of duty; to the shooting or killing of any dangerous or destructive animal or reptile when necessary to protect life or property; to the taking of birds or animals pursuant to G.S. Chapter 113, Subchapter IV, as it is from time to time amended, or pursuant to a lawfully issued federal permit; to the use of firearms for defense of person or property; or the use of firearms pursuant to lawful directions of law enforcement officers.

Sec. 2-9-22. Penalties

Violation of this ordinance is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment as provided by G.S. 14-3 or its successor and/or a fine, the maximum of which may exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), as provided by G.S. 14-4 or its successor, as those statutes are from time to time amended.