

# TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD

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## **An Amendment to Section 132.01 of the Mount Gilead Code of Ordinances**

The Following Chapter Shall Read:


### **§ 132.01 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS.**

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge by bow-and-arrow(s), crossbow, gun, pistol, or other firearm, BB gun, air compression gun, spring gun, or any such similar device which propels with force a shot, pellet, or any other projectile within the municipal corporate limits of the Town.
- b) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prohibit:
  1. Any person from discharging any firearm in the lawful defense of his person, family or property or pursuant to lawful directions of law enforcement officers;
  2. Any sworn law enforcement officer from discharging a firearm in the performance of official duties;
  3. Any person, corporation or organization operating a rifle, pistol, skeet or trap range or other firing range including turkey shoots, which range is substantially in accordance with specifications promulgated by the National Rifle Association or by an equivalent nationally recognized firearms safety authority for the type and caliber of firearm being fired;
  4. Any person using, as intended, any device used for the firing of stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar ammunition;
  5. Any person using model rockets designed to propel a model vehicle in a vertical direction;
  6. A person hunting only by bow-and-arrow or crossbow on his own property, or with the property owner, or on another's property in their absence if he has on his person a valid North Carolina Hunting License (or who qualifies for an exemption from licensing by the State Wildlife Commission) and written permission from the property owner or the property owner's authorized agent or manager; and
    - a. There is a valid hunting season in effect for which the hunting license applies at the time the crossbow or bow-and-arrow is discharged;
    - b. The bow-and-arrow or crossbow is not discharged within 250 feet of a dwelling, house, school, church, or any other occupied building, street, or road, park or recreation area, or other type of public gathering place;
    - c. The parcel or tract of land which the hunter owns or has permission to hunt upon is equal to or greater than 5.0 acres in area; and
    - d. The Crossbow or bow-and-arrow is discharged only from an elevated platform or stand located at least 12 feet above the level of the surrounding grade or the target, whichever is greater;
    - e. The person operating the bow or crossbow exhibits reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons;

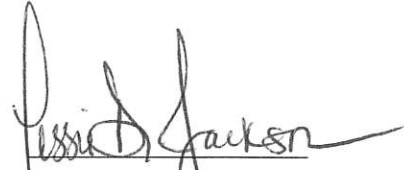
7. Any person engaged in a commercial livestock operation from using a firearm or other weapon in defending any commercial animal against any other animal.
- c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined \$500 or imprisoned 30 days, or both. Violators may be subject to a civil penalty of \$500.00 to be recovered in the nature of a debt.

State Law Reference — Discharging Certain Weapons Into Occupied Property, G.S. 14-34.1; authority to regulate firearms G.S. 160A-189

ADOPTED THIS THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2024



Sheldon Morley, Mayor



Lessie Jackson, Town Clerk