

## Town of Windsor

### Memorandum

May 10, 2016

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

At the April Council meeting, Council authorized staff to advertise for a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Firearms Ordinance. We have done so, and this is the time for that hearing.

As you know, Council has discussed this topic at length and reached a consensus to make some changes to the ordinance to provide some relief to the citizens as well as to come into line with State Law.

The alternative for consideration is to allow rifles chambered in .22lr to be fired within Town limits as well as black powder rifles as long as the other conditions set forth in the ordinance are met.

This item is for Council's 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, except black powder rifles and rifles chambered in rimfire .22lr.
- 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.