

**CITY OF GREEN ISLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02**

This Ordinance Repeals and Replaces the Ordinance 2012-01 of the City of Green Isle

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN ISLE, MINNESOTA TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Ordinance Number 2022-02 prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the City limits is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. This ordinance shall apply to all weapons within the city limits, as defined in Section 2 below.

Section 2. Definitions. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms will have the meanings given them in this Section:

- (1) "Weapons" means any of the following:
 - (a) All firearms, including any device from which is propelled any missile, projectile, or bullet by means of explosives, gas, compressed air, springs, or elastic material, including air and "BB" guns and slingshots.
 - (b) Bows and arrows, crossbows, and similar devices. Blowguns.
 - (c) Dagger, dirk, stiletto, or sword.
 - (d) Switchblade knife, spring blade knife, or any knife the blade of which can be opened by gravity or a flick of the wrist.
 - (e) Blackjack, sand club, sap, pipe club, bludgeon.
 - (f) Chain club or chains assembled or used or intended to be used as a weapon,
 - (g) Artificial knuckles or other objects designed to be worn over the fist or knuckles.
 - (h) Throwing devices with cutting or pointed edges.
 - (i) Japanese or other nightsticks, nutcracker, nunchaku, chaka, flail, karate stick, morning star.
 - (j) Spear, lance.

- (2) "Public place" means any area, building or structure which is open and accessible to the public within the city limits of Green Isle.

Section 3: Possession Prohibited. No person shall have a weapon in his or her possession, custody or control (a) in the residence of another without their permission, or (b) in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle unless in compliance with Section 4 below, and State Statutes regulating the carrying of weapons, (c) bow or crossbows may be possessed in public places, as long as the possession is in compliance with section 6 below.

Section 4. Transportation of Weapon. A weapon may be transported in a motor vehicle if it is:

- (1) a firearm which is unloaded and in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm, and the case fully encloses the firearm by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, and without any portion of the firearm exposed, or an unloaded firearm in the closed trunk of the motor vehicle.
- (2) a weapon other than a firearm which is in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

(3) a handgun carried in compliance with Minnesota Statutes.

Section 5: Discharge of Firearm. No person in any public or private place shall shoot or discharge any firearm, as defined in this Ordinance, whether it is loaded with powder, blank cartridges or any other explosive, bullet, pellet, or shot.

Section 6: Use of Bow and Arrow. It is unlawful for any person to shoot a bow and arrow or crossbow or similar device in the city limits, except at an archery range specifically designated and approved by the City Council. Any person that are using the approved archery range must follow the City Archery Range Safety Requirements:

(1) General Range Safety Regulations

- (a) Arrow Tips – Only arrows tipped with what is commonly referred to as “blunt”, “field-point”, “bullet” or “target” tips can be used on approved ranges. Arrows containing broad-head, razor, barbed, or explosive tips are prohibited on all approved ranges.
- (b) Range Length – is the furthest distance the archer (shooter) will be standing away from the target when discharging an arrow downrange at an intended target.
- (c) Range Location – No private range can include either publicly owned property or privately owned property of another in its design unless in the case of privately owned property the owner of such property has signed off on a permit application approving the use of their land in the range design being proposed.
- (d) Shooter (Archer) Position – The archer must always stand perpendicular to the approximate center of the target when shooting arrows downrange.
- (e) Target – A target must be a minimum of 18x18 inches in size. It must be constructed of a thickness to stop an arrow from completely penetrating and continuing through the target.
- (f) Target Position – The target must be placed on an imaginary line between the archers shooting position in relation to the approximate horizontal center within a range’s defined safety buffer zones or the constructed backstop.

(2) General Rule and Regulations

- (a) This range is designated ONLY for archers. All firearms that are not bows/crossbows are prohibited
- (b) Shoot only in the designated area. Do not shoot into woods or open areas
- (c) Shoot only from the established firing line
- (d) Wait for all archers to finish before going downrange
- (e) NEVER shoot when someone is downrange
- (f) Shoot only at established targets in your lane
- (g) Always keep your bow pointed at target
- (h) Always draw your bow with the arrow parallel to the ground
- (i) Only nock arrows at the shooting line
- (j) Shoot within your capabilities
- (k) Archers under 18 must have adult supervision
- (l) Communicate to everyone if you must search for arrows
- (m) Be courteous regarding the length of time and number of arrows you shoot
- (n) Use of broadheads is prohibited
- (o) The archery range is drug and alcohol free
- (p) Hours of operation are sunrise to sunset.
- (q) Stay within boundaries of the range.

- (r) Retrieve lost arrows quickly. Do not go beyond search area limits.
- (s) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in range area.
- (t) Practice good sportsmanship and common sense.

- Section 7: Exceptions. This ordinance shall not apply to the discharge of a firearm in the lawful defense of person, property, or family, or in the necessary enforcement of the law. This Ordinance shall not apply to law enforcement officers while on duty, or to persons in possession of handguns in compliance with a handgun permit under Minnesota statutes.
- Section 8: This ordinance shall not be construed to authorize or permit the ownership and possession of any otherwise unlawful items including but not limited to switch blade knives, spring bladed stilettos, zip guns, machine guns or other fully automatic firearms, sawed-off shotguns or other illegal devices prohibited by federal law, state statutes or local ordinances.
- Section 9: Confiscation. Any weapon adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to have been worn, carried, possessed, used, or handled in violation of any ordinance or state statute, may be confiscated and disposed of by the Sibley County Sheriff, who may provide for its sale, destruction, or other disposition.
- Section 10: Selling or Furnishing a Weapon to a Minor. The selling, giving, loaning, or furnishing in any way of a weapon to a minor under the age of 18 years without the written consent of his or her parent or guardian, is hereby prohibited. No minors shall possess, use, or carry a weapon except as set out in Minnesota Statute 62A.713 or any state law amending or replacing said statute.
- Section 11: Release Waiver. Any person wishing to discharge bow or crossbow at an archery range specifically designated and approved by the City Council must read, sign, and submit an archery liability release waiver to the City of Green Isle.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.

Attest:

Joseph Kreger, Mayor

Diane Hatlestad, City Clerk

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