



VILLAGE OF WHISPERING PINES

CODE OF ORDINANCES



Chapter F – Firearms and Noises

(Amended 11/13/19)

Article I – Weapons and Concealed Weapons

Section 1. Use of Firearms Regulated

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, fire, or discharge any gun, pistol or other type of firearm within the Village, except as follows:

- A. In defense of himself and his family or in defense of his property;
- B. This ordinance shall not apply to any law enforcement officer while in the performance of his official duties and in discharging the duties of his office;

Section 2. Discharge of BB Guns, Air Rifles, and Paint Ball Guns

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry, discharge, shoot, or otherwise fire any BB gun, paintball gun, air rifle, air pistol, pellet gun, or similar type weapon within the Village except on that individual's private property, or as an invited guest on another's private property, and if under the age of 16 under immediate adult supervision.

Section 3. Discharge of a Bow, Recurve Bow, Automatic Bow, Compound Bow and Crossbow

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, shoot or otherwise fire any traditional or recurve bow within the Village except:

- 1. for recreational purposes;
- 2. on that individual's private property or as a guest on another's private property and if under the age of 16 under immediate adult supervision; and
- 3. any arrow discharged from a bow must have a blunt (non-penetrating) tip

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, shoot or otherwise fire any automatic bow, compound bow or crossbow within the Village.

Section 4. Signs to Restrict Concealed Weapons on Municipal Property

A. Agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and instructed to post conspicuous signage at appropriate locations on, at or within each park,

including lakes, and each building or portion of a building owned, leased as lessee, operated, occupied, managed or controlled by the Village as well as the appurtenant premise to such buildings, indicating that carrying or displaying a concealed handgun or other weapon is prohibited therein.

B. Signs for buildings shall be visibly posted on the exterior to be visible by persons using each entrance by which the general public can enter the building. The sign for appurtenant premises and parks, including lakes shall be placed as reasonably determined to provide notice to individuals entering upon such grounds.

Article II – Noises

Section 1. Noises Regulated

The creation, production or emission of any loud noise, amplified speech, music, or other sounds that tend to annoy, disturb or frighten anyone within the Village is hereby prohibited. Specifically, prohibited acts under this Ordinance include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound, and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

B. The use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle other than police, fire rescue or other emergency vehicle.

C. The playing of any radio, phonograph, television or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, during the hours between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any resident.

D. The discharge of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or water craft engine, except through a muffler or other device that will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises.

E. The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air, unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.

F. Any erecting, excavating, building, demolishing, repairing, altering and similar noise-making construction activities other than between the hours 7:00 am and 8:00 pm on Monday through Saturday.