

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

BYLAW NO. 8092

A BYLAW

TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND BOWS

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Saanich enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (a) **“CONSERVATION OFFICER”** includes a conservation officer as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, 1996 R.S.B.C. C. 488 and a “Pound Inspector” and “Poundkeeper” as defined under the “Animals Bylaw, 1997, No. 7699” or any successor bylaw.
 - (b) **“FIREARM”** includes air guns, air rifles, air pistols and spring guns.
2. No person shall discharge any firearm within the Municipality of Saanich except the following:
 - (a) Any member of the Armed Services of Canada engaged in practice shooting upon a properly constructed rifle range, engaged in drill exercises or manoeuvres or engaged in ceremonial activities.
 - (b) Any member of an organized Rifle Association or Pistol Association engaged in practice shooting upon a properly constructed rifle or pistol range.
 - (c) Any peace officer or conservation officer lawfully engaged in the performance of his/her duties including the hunting of crows, English sparrows, Japanese or English starlings, magpies or rabbits.
 - (d) Any person engaged in hunting, pursuant to the *Wildlife Act*, an animal or bird that is on his/her property and a menace to a domestic animal or bird and who is the holder of a valid and subsisting permit under this bylaw.
 - (e) Any person who is the holder of a valid and subsisting permit under the *Wildlife Act* and who is engaged in hunting designated wildlife for agricultural crop protection and who is the holder of a valid and subsisting permit under this bylaw.
 - (f) Any person engaged in hunting crows, English sparrows, Japanese or English starlings, magpies or rabbits on property owned or occupied by himself/herself or his/her parent or guardian and who is the holder of a valid and subsisting permit under this bylaw.
 - (g) Any person engaged in firing blank cartridges for the purpose of training dogs and who is the holder of a valid and subsisting permit for such purpose under this bylaw.
 - (h) Any person carrying on a pest control business or employed by a pest control business engaged in the removal of an animal from a building where the business is the holder of a valid and subsisting permit issued under this bylaw.
3. No person shall discharge a bow and arrow within the Municipality of Saanich except for recreational purposes only.
4. Permits under this bylaw may be granted by the Chief Constable upon application to him in writing.
5. Any person who is guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall, upon summary conviction, be liable to a penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
6. Bylaw No. 2981 being the “Firearms Bylaw, 1969” is hereby repealed except insofar as it may repeal any other bylaw of the Municipality.

7. This bylaw may be cited as the **"FIREARM AND BOW DISCHARGE REGULATION BYLAW, 2000, No. 8092"**