

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH**

**BYLAW NO. 8092**

**TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND BOWS**

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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**"