

ORDINANCE #13-07

**CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CODE, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

AN ORDINANCE DELETING SECTION 34-21 WEAPONS AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING SECTION 34-21 WEAPONS

The City of Ramsey Ordains:

SECTION 1 AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

SECTION 2 AMENDMENT

The current Section 34-21 Weapons is hereby **repealed and replaced** with the following Section 34.21 titled Weapons. This repeal and replacement more clearly defines this section of the Code.

Sec. 34-21. – Weapons.

(a) *Firearms*

- (1) *Firearms use instruction required.* Minnesota State Statutes known as M.S.A. 97B.015, 97B.021, and 97B.025 which pertain to the safe use of firearms and instructions in using are hereby adopted by reference. Every provision contained in said statutes are made a part of this Code as if fully set forth herein.
- (2) *Protection of home and family.* Nothing in this section shall prevent the possession, storage or use of a firearm within the home when done in the lawful defense of person, family or property.
- (3) *Firearm.* “Firearm” means a gun that discharges shot or projectile by any means including the use of an explosive, a gas, or compressed air.
- (4) *Discharge of firearm.* Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall fire or discharge a firearm of any description within the limits of the city without first obtaining a city permit.
- (5) *Law enforcement officers.* The terms of this section shall not prohibit the possession or discharge of firearms by duly authorized peace officers.

(6) *Firing ranges.* The terms of this section shall not prohibit the possession or discharge of firearms upon a firing range, either indoor or outdoor, provided said range is properly equipped and supervised to insure reasonable safety as determined by the certificate of the chief of police of the city or pursuant to licensing ordinances hereinafter enacted for such ranges.

(b) *Bows and arrows.*

(1) *Use.* The use of a bow and arrow for hunting, target shooting or discharging for any purpose(s) shall be allowed in the city in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota, this section and only with a city permit.

(c) *Permit issuance and administration.*

(1) *Authority.* The police chief shall be granted the authority to administer the permit process and issue permits under this section.

(2) *Permits.* Applications for a permit will be available through the police department,. Completed applications for permits shall be made to the chief of police. A permit to discharge a firearm or an arrow from a bow within the city shall be issued by the police chief or his designee.

(3) *Permit denials.* Any party that has a permit request denied under this section may appeal to the Board of Administrative Hearings. The request for a hearing must be in writing, detailing the reason for the appeal, and shall include the filing fee as set in the city Rates and Fees schedule. The filing fee would be refunded if the Hearing Board reverses the denial and issues a permit.

(d) *Hunting and Discharging Regulations.*

(1) All MN rules and regulations pertaining to hunting and discharging of weapons shall be followed and enforced.

(2) A weapon shall not be used or handled so as to endanger personal safety of property.

SECTION 3. SUMMARY

The following is the official summary of Ordinance #13-07, which has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

It is the intent and effect of Ordinance #13-07 to amend Ramsey, Minnesota City Code Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-21 Weapons to more clearly define this section relating to firearms and bows and arrows as well as the permitting process for the discharge of same.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Ordinance is thirty (30) days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter Section 5.06.

Adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the ____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor Sarah Strommen

ATTEST:

City Clerk Jo Ann M. Thieling

Introduction Date:

Posting Dates:

Adoption Date

Publication Date:

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