

Sec. 22-4 Firearms, explosives, etc.; discharge prohibited in certain areas of town.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any gun, shotgun, rifle, pistol or other firearm or air rifle, spring gun or pistol, compressed air rifle or pistol or similar device, or discharge any explosive devices by whatever name called within the corporate limits of the town; however, this shall not apply to:
 - (1) Police officer of the town and duly authorized police and peace officers of the county, state and the United States of America, or the armed forces of the United States of America, while in the performance of their duties as such.
 - (2) Shooting contests such as turkey shoots, target practice and other contests after a permit has been issued therefor by the chief of police or a designated officer of the law.
 - (2) Fireworks display while conducted under the provision of any town ordinance or state law regulating such exhibitions and displays.
 - (4) Discharge of firearms in the lawful defense of person or property.
- (b) Carrying of concealed handgun prohibited. The carrying of a concealed handgun as defined in Article 54B of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes in any building or appurtenant premises owned, leased or occupied by the town for government purposes, and in all municipal parks, recreation areas and beach access areas, is prohibited.
- (c) Posting of prohibition. The prohibition against carrying a concealed weapon shall be enforceable in any government building and appurtenant premises and on any park described in subsection (b) of the section, upon the posting of a notice stating "the carrying of a concealed handgun on these premises is prohibited and illegal." This notice shall be posted in a conspicuous location near the entrance to any such premises.

(d) Violation. Violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be punishable as provided in N. C. G. S. 14-415.21(b).