

Sec. 18-4. Sale and use of BB guns, pellet guns, air rifles, bows, crossbows and slingshots.

- (a) *Use.* It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or shoot a BB gun, pellet gun or air rifle, or bow, crossbow like device, or to operate a slingshot, within the corporate limits of the city or on any property owned or operated by the city outside the corporate limits of the city, except:
- (1) Within a completely enclosed area located at or in a private residence and against a target so placed and arranged that the projectile cannot go outside the enclosed area; or
 - (2) At an established target range which is, at the time of shooting, being operated under the supervision of the recreation or police department of the city.
- A violation of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided by law.
- (b) *Possession by minors.* It shall be unlawful for any minor person under 18 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or other adult person having custody of such child, to have any rifle or shotgun, or ammunition therefor, BB gun, pellet gun, air rifle or slingshot in his possession at any place within the city, except on his own premises, or on any property owned or operated by the city outside the corporate limits of the city. Any BB gun, pellet gun, air rifle or slingshot found in the city or at any place owned or operated by the city outside the corporate limits of the city in the possession of any person under 18 years of age who is not then accompanied by one of the persons named in this subsection and who is on premises other than his own shall be subject to seizure and confiscation by the law enforcement agencies. A violation of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided by law.
- (c) *Report of acts of vandalism by minors.* Any parent of a minor child or any person having the custody and control of a minor child, receiving knowledge that such child has committed an act of vandalism or malicious damage to the person or property of another by a BB gun, pellet gun, air rifle or slingshot, shall be required to report such act to the law enforcement agencies. Failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.
- (d) *Urban Archery Deer Hunting.* Nothing in the Section shall be construed so as to prohibit a person from hunting for deer within the city limits in accordance with the following:
- (1) Hunters shall follow all state and local laws, rules and ordinances when hunting deer within the city limits.
 - (2) Hunters must have in their possession a valid North Carolina Hunting License showing completion of a Hunting Safety Course.
 - (3) Hunters are prohibited from using firearms. Only archery, using legal archery equipment (as defined by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission), is permitted.
 - (4) Hunting is permitted only on private property. Hunters must own the property themselves or they must have, in their possession, written permission from the property owner dated within one year of the date on which they are hunting.
 - (5) No hunting is allowed on city property or on, from or across the right-of-way of any road.
 - (6) A bow-and-arrow or crossbow shall only be discharged from an elevated platform or stand located at least ten (10) feet above the level of the surrounding grade or the target, whichever is less.
 - (7) Hunting is only allowed on a tract or parcel of land which is greater than 1.5 acres.
 - (8) A bow-and-arrow or crossbow shall not be discharged within 250 feet of a dwelling house, school, church, or any occupied building, street, road, park or recreation area.

(9) The deer must be taken during the Urban Archery Season as designated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

(10) Any violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided by law

Adopted this the 7th day of April, 2014.