

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue on the following proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 38 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V - Weapons. Opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard upon the matter at the public hearing. The following proposed ordinance amendment is under consideration and may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the public hearing. The proposed amendment is available for review and/or purchase at the Town Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays and on the Town’s web site at [www.jamestownri.gov](http://www.jamestownri.gov).

**Section 1.** Be it hereby ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown that the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, as the same may have been heretofore amended, is hereby amended by changing the text of the Chapter, as follows:

NOTE: words set as ~~striketrough~~ are to be deleted from the ordinance; words underlined are to be added to the ordinance.

See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to Chapter 38 of the Town of Jamestown’s Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Ad Date(s): March 31, 2016

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Hearing Date: April 12, 2016

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit A

### **Sec. 38-111. - Use of rifled firearm while hunting.**

No person shall, while hunting within the town, use a rifled firearm, other than a shotgun outfitted with a rifled barrel or a muzzleloader with a rifled barrel.

### **Sec. 38-112. Definitions.**

"Firearm" includes any machine gun, pistol, rifle, air rifle, air pistol, "blank gun," "BB gun," or other instrument from which steel or metal projectiles are propelled, or which may readily be converted to expel a projectile, except crossbows, recurve, compound, or longbows, and except instruments propelling projectiles which are designed or normally used for a primary purpose other than as a weapon. The frame or receiver of the weapon shall be construed as a firearm under the provisions of this section.

"Discharge" shall be defined as the operation of a firearm as to cause the ignition of the powder charge with or without the expulsion of a projectile from the firearm.

"Dwelling" shall be defined as a structure to live in as a place of residence.

"Building" any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

"Accessory Building" any building which is customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal building and does not share a common wall and roof with the principal building.

"Principal Building" the main building on a Lot, usually located toward the frontage.

### **Sec. 38-113 Shooting Prohibited.**

No person, not being at the time under police or military duty, shall discharge any firearm in the Town of Jamestown, except as follows:

1. Legal hunting activity as defined by state and local regulations.
2. Target shooting on private property by the property owner or guest, with written permission of the property owner. This activity is to be restricted to the period between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.
  - (i) All prudent safety measures shall be exercised to protect the public health.
  - (ii) The point of discharge of any firearm shall be a minimum distance of 500' feet from any dwelling or principal or accessory building without the specific written permission of the owner and occupant.

No person shall discharge any firearm in such fashion that the shot, bullets, arrows, darts or other missiles shall in their flight carry over, along or across the land of another, any public roadway, designated public walking path, access way, sidewalk, hiking trail, park area, or bike path, into which they shall not have written permission of the owner and occupant thereof to shoot. Such written permission shall be carried on the person at all times when engaged in the activity and shall be shown and exhibited upon request by the police.

**Sec 38-114. Use of weapons in self-defense.**

No provision of this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the use of licensed armed guards or of firearms by private persons in the Town for the protection or defense of person or property in accordance with Rhode Island Law.

**Sec. 38-115. Enforcement.**

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1-15.