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ORDINANCE NO. <u>56A-18</u>

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JAMES CITY COUNTY
VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 15, OFFENSES - MISCELLANEOUS, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING SECTION 15-36, DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, ETC., IN CERTAIN AREAS; EXCEPTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of James City, Virginia, that Chapter 15, Offenses - Miscellaneous, is hereby amended and reordained by amending Section 15-36, Discharge of firearms, etc., in certain areas; exceptions.

Chapter 15. Offenses - Miscellaneous

Section 15-36. Discharge of firearms, etc., in certain areas; exceptions.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them below:

Recorded subdivision. Any subdivision a plat of which has been recorded in the clerk's office for the circuit court of the county

- (a) Any subdivision of property into two or more lots (i) which occurred after August 31, 1964; (ii) has a plat recorded in the county's circuit court clerk's office; and (iii) where the new lots created are to be used for residential or commercial purposes.
- (b) The following subdivisions divided prior to August 31, 1964, as shown on the map titled James City County Pre-August 1964 Subdivisions Prohibited from Discharging Firearms, dated September 20, 2011:

Belen Heights, Benel Corp, Birchwood Park, Boughsprings, Bozarth & Mahone/Mahone & Bozarth, Canterberry Hills, Chickahominy Haven, Colonial Park, Colonial Terrace, Cypress Point, D. Warren Marston, Dandridge Davenport & Piggott, Druid Hill, Eustis Terrace, Farmville Estates, First Colony, Frank Anderson, Frank Armistead, Haley & Whitehall, Harwood, Holly Brook, Holly Hill, Indigo Park, Indigo Terrace, James Terrace, James Wesley Jones (Estate), Jamestown Farms, John Henry Lee, Kingswood, Levi & Lettie Wallace, Magruder Heights, Magruder View, Marl Hills (Lakewood), Neck-O-Land Hundred, Norge, Norvalia, Poplar Hall Plantation, Powhatan Springs, Rado Banks, Raleigh Square, Riverview Plantation, Sadie Taylor, Schuyler & Troy Smith, Signor Bradby, Shellbank, Solomon Orange, Steers (Hickory Signpost), Steers (Jamestown Road), Stephens, Sycamore Landing, Temple Hall Estates, The Colony, Thomas & Hattie Kearney, Toano Terrace, Washington Jones (Estate), Winston Terrace, and Yearda Lee Smith.

- (c) Any subdivision where two thirds of the lot owners have petitioned the board of supervisors to be included within the boundaries of the prohibition on the discharge of firearms, and such petition has been approved by resolution.
- (d) Recorded subdivision shall not include property divided pursuant to family subdivision, condemnation, or other board of supervisors' approved subdivision of property.
 - (d) The prohibition contained in this section shall not apply to the following:
 - (1) The discharge of firearms in a private basement, cellar or target range, provided that such target range has sufficient background or backstop to ensure that ammunition will not travel more than 300 feet beyond the target range.

- (2) The discharge of weapons in defense of one's life or to kill any dangerous animal.
- (3) The discharge of weapons by any duly authorized peace officer, law enforcement official or military personnel acting in the performance of his duties.
- (4) The discharge of a weapon by any person participating in a hunt for which a permit or management plan for controlled wildlife reduction has been issued or developed by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; such hunt shall also be approved by the James City County Chief of Police, who shall review the action plan for such a hunt to provide for the health, safety and welfare of residents and participants. Such review shall include, but not be limited to, the area in which the weapons may be discharged; the caliber of the weapons to be used; measures to be implemented to keep nonparticipants in the hunt from entering the area; the number of participants; and the days and hours of such a hunt.
- (5) The use of pneumatic guns (i) at facilities approved for shooting ranges; (ii) on property where firearms may be discharged; and (iii) on or within private property with permission of the owner or legal possessor thereof when conducted with reasonable care to prevent a projectile from crossing the bounds of the property.
- (e) It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 to use a pneumatic gun on private or public property unless such minor is under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or other adult supervisor approved by a parent or guardian of such minor. Minors above the age of 16 may, with the written consent of a parent or guardian, use a pneumatic gun on private property with the consent of the owner. Any minor, whether permitted by a parent or guardian to use a pneumatic gun or not, shall be responsible for obeying all laws, regulations, and restrictions governing such use. Pneumatic gun offenses shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.
 - (f) Pneumatic gun offenses shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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Mary K. Jones Chairman, Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR	VOTE
KENNEDY	NAY
GOODSON	NAY
MCGLENNON	AYE
ICENHOUR	AYE
JONES	AYE

ATTEST:

Robert C. Middaugh Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 27th day of September, 2011.

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