



Town of Jamestown

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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. 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 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Jamestown hereby ordains that the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions Article V. Weapons Sec. 38-112 Definitions (new), Sec. 38-113 Shooting Prohibited (new), Sec. 38-114 Use of Weapons in Self-Defense (new) and Sec. 38-115 Enforcement (new), as the same may have been heretofore amended, is hereby amended.

The following is a summary description of the proposed amendments:

To regulate target shooting on private property in the Town of Jamestown to protect public health and safety.

Section 2. This Ordinance amendment shall take effect upon its passage.

A copy of the entire amendment, as proposed, is available for review at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road; Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue; and online at www.jamestownri.gov.

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. If communications assistance is needed or other accommodations to ensure equal participation, call 1-800-745-5555, via facsimile at 401-423-7230, or email at cfernstrom@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE JAMESTOWN PRESS: March 31st edition.

**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 DATE at 7:00 p.m. at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue on the following proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 38 – 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.net.

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): _____

Publication Source: Jamestown Press

Hearing Date: _____

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.

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 XX:00 a.m. and XX:00 p.m., day through day.
 - (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 feet from any building or premises without the specific written permission of the owner and occupant, and

No person shall discharge any firearm in such fashion that the shot, bullets, arrows, darts or other missiles shall in their flight carry over or into the land of another into which he 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 and shall be shown and exhibited upon request.

No person shall shoot at, along or across any public highway.

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.