

ORDINANCE NO. 47 1973

An ordinance regulating the use of certain types of firearms in designated areas of Clallam County, Washington

WHEREAS, the population density has been increasing in certain areas of Clallam County and the use of firearms in populated areas is now becoming a menace to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Clallam County; and

WHEREAS, the use of all types of firearms in these areas should be regulated for the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of Clallam County using and living in the areas designated hereinafter, or residing in the areas near thereto; and

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled use of firearms in the areas designated hereinafter is dangerous to all citizens of Clallam County and should be regulated; and

WHEREAS, the right of the citizens to lawfully keep and bear arms is recognized;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the County of Clallam as follows:

Section I.

That no discharging, firing or shooting with rifles, pistols, or firearms of any type whatsoever except shotguns shall be allowed, except as otherwise specifically authorized by law for the humane slaughter of live stock as provided in RCW 16.49 and RCW 16.50, and except as provided in RCW 9.11.040 for the lawful uses of force, on the following described property:

The area north of Highway 101, and bounded on the west by the Elwha River, on the south by Highway 101 and on the east by Blyn at the Chicken Coop Road, north to Sequim Bay and bounded on the north by the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Section II.

It is further provided that target shooting by property owners or lessees, or their licensees or invitees, by means of rifles and pistols while utilizing sufficient back stops in a safe manner, such as to insure the safety of all the citizens of Clallam County is not prohibited by this Ordinance and nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit a resident owner or lessee, or his licensees or invitees, from such use of firearms in a safe manner and with discretion on his property.

*Repealed by
Ordinance #140, 1981*

Section III.

RCW 9.41.230 prohibiting the aiming of firearms and the discharging of firearms in certain places is hereby adopted by reference as existing on the date below signed and as hereafter amended.

Section IV.

RCW 9.41.270 prohibiting the display of firearms with the intent to intimidate another is hereby adopted by reference as existing on the date below signed and as hereafter amended.

Section V.

RCW 77.16.250 prohibiting the carrying of a loaded shotgun or rifle in a vehicle is hereby adopted by reference as existing on the date below signed and as hereafter amended.

Section VI.

RCW 77.16.260 prohibiting the shooting of any pistol, rifle, shotgun or other firearm from, across or along any public highway is hereby adopted by reference as existing on the date below signed and as hereafter amended.

Section VII.

RCW 9.11.040 defining when force may be lawfully used in self defense and for other purposes is hereby adopted by reference as existing on the date below signed and as hereafter amended.

Section VIII.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed Guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject on conviction to a fine of not more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisonment for not more than 30 days in the Clallam County Jail, or both, for each violation.

Section IX.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passing and after proper notice given as required by law.

THIS ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS this 30th day of August, 1973.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

U. J. Paulkins
Chairman

ATTEST:

Alice C. Thomas
Clerk of the Board

Paul A. Kelly
William H. K. Brown

Approved as to Form:

Craig O. Rehrer
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