

**TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-281**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE
JOHNSTOWN MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING WEAPONS
REGULATIONS AND ADDING SECTION 10-77 INTO THE JOHNSTOWN
MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THROWING MISSILES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnstown, Colorado (“Town”) is a Colorado home rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town’s Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is vested with authority to administer the affairs of the Town;
and

WHEREAS, Article X of Chapter 10 of the Johnstown Municipal Code contains weapons regulations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Strossner of the Johnstown Police Department recommends that the Town Council substantially modify the Town’s weapons regulations to, among other revisions, provide that weapons offenses related to bombs, firearm silencers, machine guns, short shotguns, short rifles, defaced firearms, concealed knives and concealed firearms be regulated pursuant to state law and, if violations are committed, be cited into county court; and

WHEREAS, Chief Strossner further recommends that the Town Council add weapons regulations into the Johnstown Municipal Code concerning, among others, the possession of butterfly knives, throwing stars and nunchaku weapons, sales of weapons at special events and throwing missiles; and

WHEREAS, based on the Chief of Police’s recommendations, the Town Council desires to amend Article X of Chapter 10 of the Johnstown Municipal Code and add Section 10-77 into the Johnstown Municipal Code concerning throwing missiles; and

WHEREAS, Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town, that it is promulgated for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and that this Ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN,
COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are affirmed and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Section 10-77. Section 10-77 is hereby added to Article IV of Chapter X of the Johnstown Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

Sec. 10-77. Throwing missiles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw stones, snowballs, missiles or other objects at a vehicle, building, tree, animal or public or private property, or upon or at any person in the public way or upon other public ground, except that persons may mutually and voluntarily participate in snowball fights when the intention is not to cause harm to another person.

Section 3. Section 10-191. Section 10-191 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby amended to: (i) repeal and omit the definitions of *bomb, firearm silencer, machine gun, short rifle, and short shotgun* and (ii) add the following definitions to be inserted in alphabetical order as follows:

Butterfly knife (bailsong or fan knife) means any knife with a blade fastened to a handle by a pivot so that the blade may be concealed within the handle(s) when closed and may be exposed by rotating, flipping, or otherwise manipulating one or more handle parts.

Illegal weapon means a blackjack, gas gun, metallic knuckles, gravity knife, switchblade knife, butterfly knife, throwing star, or nunchaku.

Nunchaku means an instrument consisting of two sticks, clubs, bars, or rods to be used as handles connected by a rope, cord, wire, or chain, which is in the design of a weapon used in connection with the practice of a system of self-defense.

Throwing Star means a disk having sharp radiating points or any disk-shaped bladed object which is hand-held and thrown and which is in the design of a weapon used in connection with the practice of a system of self-defense.

Section 4. Section 10-193. Section 10-193 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 10-193. Possessing an illegal weapon.

- (a) Except as provided below, it shall be unlawful for any person, other than a peace officer or member of the Armed Forces of the United States or State National Guard acting in the lawful discharge of their duties, to knowingly possess an illegal weapon.
- (b) The casing and transport of a gas gun, butterfly knife, throwing star or nunchaku for use at a range or in a martial arts studio or demonstration shall not constitute a violation of subsection (a).

Section 5. Section 10-194. Section 10-194 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 10-194. Prohibited use of weapons.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge within the Town any firearm, air gun, spring gun, gas-operated gun, crossbow or bow and arrow.

Section 6. Section 10-195. Section 10-195 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 10-195. Weapon sales prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, operator, manager or employee of any tent, booth, or display at a Town special event to offer, sell, give away, or display any illegal weapon.

Section 7. Section 10-196. Section 10-196 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

- A. The title shall hereinafter read: "Carrying firearms in Town buildings;" and
- B. Subsection 10-196(a) is hereby repealed and subsections (b), (c), and (d) of Section 10-196 are hereby renumbered respectively to be referenced as subsections (a), (b) and (c).

Section 8. Section 10-197. Section 10-197 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 9. Section 10-198. Section 10-198 of the Johnstown Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 10. Severability. If any part or provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such part, provision, or application shall not affect any of the remaining parts, provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, part or application, and, to this end, the provisions and parts of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 11. Repealer. All ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revise any ordinance, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

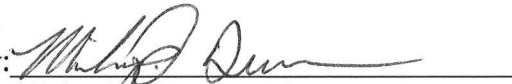
Section 12. Publication; Effective Date. This Ordinance, after its passage on final reading, shall be numbered, recorded, published and posted as required by the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado ("Charter") and the adoption, posting and publication shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the Town Clerk. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage as provided by the Charter. Copies of the entire Ordinance are available at the office of the Town Clerk.

INTRODUCED, AND APPROVED on first reading by the Town Council of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, this 1st day of December, 2025.

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By: 
Meghan Martinez, Town Clerk

By: 
Michael P. Duncan, Mayor

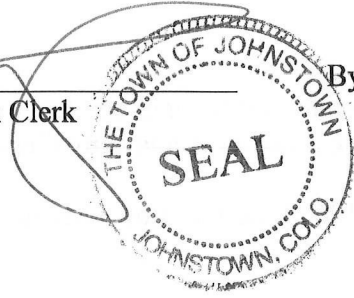
PASSED UPON FINAL APPROVAL AND ADOPTED on second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado, this 5th day of January, 2026

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