

Adopted 03/16/2023

CB 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ARTICLE 725 – FIREARMS AND WEAPONS, OF PART 7, GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, BY AMENDING SECTION 725.03 - AIR RIFLES AND BB GUNS PROHIBITED, TO INCLUDE ARCHERY HUNTING AND OTHER DEVICES CAPABLE OF SHOOTING PROJECTILES.

WHEREAS, the current version of Section 725.03 – AIR RIFLES AND BB GUNS PROHIBITED does not adequately address newer versions of weaponry capable of expelling certain projectiles and fails to address archery hunting and similar devices within the limits of the City of New Castle; and

WHEREAS, the use of these devices and the use of archery equipment to hunt within the City of New Castle can potentially create hazardous conditions to persons and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA that ARTICLE 725 - Firearms and Weapon, Section 725.03- AIR RIFLES AND BB GUNS PROHIBITED, is hereby amended as follows:

725.03 AIR RIFLES, BB GUNS AND SIMILAR DEVICES, TO INCLUDE ARCHERY HUNTING AND OTHER DEVICES CAPABLE OF SHOOTING PROJECTILES.

(a) No person shall use within the City of New Castle any air rifle, BB gun, bow, crossbow, sling shot, or any other device, capable of expelling and propelling a metal, plastic, gel, stone bullet or missile, arrow, or other projectile.

(b) Archery Hunting Prohibited. No archery hunting of any kind shall be permitted in the City of New Castle on any public or private lands except those areas which may be designated as Pennsylvania State Game Lands by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

(c) Recreational Archery Exception. Archery target practice shall be permitted if conducted on non-City owned property by individuals and by any organized club or youth sport activity involving the sport of archery. Indoor archery target practice shall only be permitted in facilities which also hold a license or are otherwise permitted to allow firearms target practice. Outdoor archery target practice shall be only be permitted on property of adequate size to safely permit that activity, and in no event shall the target practice area (from point of release to point of target) occur within 100 feet of any structure, neighboring property line, street, or alley.

This amendment shall be effective ten (10) days after adoption by City Council.

That this Ordinance, when adopted, shall be incorporated therein and made a part thereof the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Castle, PA.

INTRODUCED this 16th day of February, 2023.

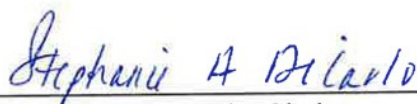
ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2023.

APPROVED this 20th day of March, 2023.



Mayor

CERTIFIED this 20th day of March, 2023.



City Clerk