

ORDINANCE 23-03
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOLDEN BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES,
SECTION 130.01 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina, that Section 130.01 Discharge of Firearms Prohibited; Exceptions be amended as follows.

Section One: Amend Section 130.01 to read as follows:

§ 130.01 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.

~~It shall be unlawful for a person to shoot or project any stone, rock, shot, or other hard substance by means of a slingshot, bean shooter, air rifle, popgun, bow, or other similar contrivance, or to fire any pistol, gun, or other firearms within the town except on archery ranges, firing ranges, or in legally established shooting galleries or ranges, or in the discharge of duty by law enforcement officers, provided that the use of firearms in the destruction of rodents, pigeons, squirrels, or similar animals or birds or reptiles that are considered to be a menace to public health or property may be permitted by special permission of the Chief of Police.~~

It shall be unlawful to discharge any air gun or firearm as defined by the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives within the town limits except:

- 1) In defense of life or property; or
- 2) By law enforcement officers, animal control officers, or members of the armed services while acting in the performance of their duties; or
- 3) During historic ceremonies or commemoration functions held for such purposes provided that no live ammunition shall be used or discharged; or
- 4) When executing a state Depredation Permit issued by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission or a licensed Wildlife Control Agent, consistent with any restrictions imposed.

('85 Code, § 3-1.1) (Ord. 4, passed - -) (Passed Feb 21,2023) Penalty, see § 130.99

Section Two: The Town Clerk is directed to forward this ordinance to American Legal Publishing for inclusion in the next published supplement to the Holden Beach Code of Ordinances.

This the 21st day of February, 2023.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk