

Chapter 144

FIREARMS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge 11-26-79 as Ord. No. 764 as Section 3-10 of Chapter III of the 1975 Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. Section 144-4 added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III. Other amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

General penalty — See Ch. 1, Art. III.

§ 144-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FIREARM — Any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, automatic and semiautomatic rifle or other “firearm,” as the term is commonly used, or any gun, device or instrument in the nature of a weapon from which may be fired or ejected any solid projectile, ball, slug, pellet, missile or bullet, or any gas, vapor or other noxious thing, by means of a cartridge or shell or by the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive substances. It shall also include, without limitation, any “firearm” which is in the nature of any air gun, spring gun or pistol or other weapon of a similar nature

in which the propelling force is a spring, elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air or compressed air, or is ignited by compressed air, and ejecting a bullet or missile smaller than three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) of an inch in diameter, with sufficient force to injure a person.

§ 144-2. Discharge restricted.

No person shall, within the borough, discharge any firearm, hunting arrow or dart, unless such person is actually engaged in the defense of life, person or property.

§ 144-3. Exemptions to provisions.

This chapter shall not apply to members of the duly constituted Police Department of the borough or others authorized by law to carry and discharge firearms in the performance of their duties. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit the maintenance and operation of a firing range by the Police Department of the borough.

§ 144-4. Violations and penalties.¹

Any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II.

¹ Editor's Note: Added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III.