

ORDINANCE NO: 2010-22

FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND HUNTING ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING HUNTING AND THE USE OF
FIREARMS AND WEAPONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF DAVISON**

The Township Board of the Township of Davison Ordains:

Section 1 – Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the Davison Township Firearms, Weapons And Hunting Ordinance.

Definitions as used in this Ordinance:

FIREARM – shall mean any gun, shotgun, rifle, pistol, revolver, or other device from which a bullet, shot, ball, slug, pellet, solid projectile or other missile is propelled by means of a cartridge or shell or by the action, explosion or ignition of flammable or explosive substances.

WEAPON – shall mean any firearm, air rifle, bow of thirty-five (35) pounds or more pull, sling shot, spring gun or similar device or instrument in the nature of a weapon in which the propelling force is a spring, elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas, vapor or compressed air, or which is discharged by compressed air, and ejecting a bullet or missile with sufficient force to injure a person.

Section 2 – Prohibited Activities on Private Property

No person shall enter or go upon any private property within the Township carrying any firearm or weapon, and no person shall use or discharge any firearm or weapon upon or into any private property in the Township, unless such person:

- a. Is the owner, a member of the immediate family (within two degrees or consanguinity) of the owner, or a tenant of the private property, except that for purposes of hunting such person must have a valid license to hunt issued by the State of Michigan;
- b. Has complied with the hunting regulations set forth in this ordinance; or
- c. Carries the written permission of the property owner (indicating the duration of its effectiveness) to use firearms and weapons on the property for target practice, skeet or trap shooting or for purposes of instruction; or
- d. Is a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duties.

Section 3 – Prohibited Activities Relating To Public Property

- a. No person shall discharge any firearm or weapon or cast an arrow upon or across any State, County, Township road or highway, park, playground, school property or other public property within the Township unless such person is a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duties.
- b. No person shall carry a loaded firearm or weapon or drawn bow within 450 feet of any school property or public playing field.
- c. No person shall be permitted to hunt on any public property owned by the Township.

Section 4 – Hunting Regulations

- (1) No person shall discharge a firearm or weapon within 450 feet of an occupied structure.
- (2) No person shall be permitted to hunt within the Township unless he or she:
 - a. Is the owner, a member of the immediate family (within two degrees on consanguinity) of the owner or a tenant of the property hunted and carries a valid license to hunt issued by the State of Michigan; or
 - b. Carries or displays the following four permits:
 - i. Written permission (indicating the duration of its effectiveness) from the owner of the property on which or into which the firearm or weapon is discharged or the arrow is case; and
 - ii. A license to hunt issued by the State of Michigan.

Section 5 – Compliance with State Laws and Regulations Required

No provisions of this Ordinance shall be interpreted as relieving any person from full compliance with all State laws, rules and regulations relating to firearms, weapons and hunting. The hunting regulations established by this Ordinance are in addition to the hunting laws and regulations of the State of Michigan. This Ordinance adopts by reference 750.233, 750.234, 750,234b, 750.235a, 750.237, and 750.237a.

Section 7 – Penalty

In addition to being subject to the general penalties provided in this Code, any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

Section 8 – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

Kurt Soper, Supervisor

Karen Miller, Clerk

CLERK’S CERTIFICATION

I, Karen Miller, being duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Davison, Genesee County, Michigan do certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted on the 8th Day of August, 2005 at a regular meeting of the township board where a quorum was present and voting.

Karen Miller, Clerk