

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH**

BY-LAW #99-20

**A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT AND REGULATE
THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS**

WHEREAS Section 210, Subsection 36 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M45, as amended provides that a municipality may pass by-laws for the purpose of public safety, for prohibiting or regulating the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long bows or any class or type thereof in the municipality or in any defined areas thereof;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach deems it necessary and desirable to prohibit the discharge of any gun, firearm, air-gun, spring-gun, cross-bow or any long-bow within the Town of Wasaga Beach;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach enacts as follows:

1.0 TITLE:

1.1 This by-law may be referred to as the “Firearms Control By-Law”.

2.0 DEFINITION:

2.1 “Firearm” means any barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death to a person, and includes any frame or receiver of such a barrelled weapon and anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm, and for the purpose of this by-law includes a long-bow, a recurve-bow, a cross-bow and a compound-bow that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death to a person;

3.0 RESTRICTIONS:

3.1 No person shall discharge a firearm within the Town of Wasaga Beach.

4.0 EXEMPTIONS:

4.1 This by-law does not apply to a Peace Officer, an Animal Control Officer of The Town of Wasaga Beach, an authorized employee of the Humane Society, or other person duly authorized to use a firearm, where such person discharges a firearm while acting in the course of their duty.

4.2 This by-law does not apply to the owners or tenants of property designated and zoned for agricultural purposes that the primary use of those properties are for agricultural activities and that the discharge of a firearm on those lands so designated by the owner or tenant is for the sole purpose of destruction of rodents or to humanely destroy an animal in distress.

4.3 This by-law does not apply to a person who has written authorization from Council under Section 5.

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5.0 AUTHORIZATION:

5.1 Council may authorize the discharge of a firearm where a written request is received for such authorization and the request is accompanied by a statement setting out the measures to be undertaken by the applicant to ensure maximum public safety.

6.0 PENALTY:

6.1 Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P33, as amended.

7.0 REPEAL OF A BY-LAW:

7.1 By-Law 80-17, passed on the 24th day of June, 1980, be and is hereby repealed.

7.0 8.0 EFFECTIVE DATE:

8.1 This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing hereof.

Read a first and second time this the

24th day of March 1998.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER/ ADMINISTRATOR

Read a third and finally passed this the

9th day of March 1999.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER/ ADMINISTRATOR