TOWN OF READFIELD

FIREARMS ORDINANCE


Whenever a provision of this ordinance conflicts with or is inconsistent with another ordinance, regulation, or statute, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

The Firearms Ordinance provides for both the safety of the residents of Readfield and for the peaceful enjoyment and use of property. The following sections apply to the use of any firearms (including gas powered weapons) within the boundaries of the town.

Definition

Building: any residence, commercial or retail, educational, religious, or farm structure.

Section 1. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm of any kind or description or cause a bullet or projectile to pass within 100 yards of a building occupied by people, domesticated animals, livestock, machines, or harvested crops without having received prior written consent of the owner or occupant of the structure.

Section 2. It is unlawful to shoot or discharge firearms, at any time of any kind or description on any land owned by the Town of Readfield that is used for the transfer station, beach or Fairgrounds property per the map.

Section 3. It is unlawful for any person, with the exception of the landowner, to shoot or discharge a firearm of any kind or description except for shotguns within the boundaries designated on the attached map.

Section 4. The provisions of sections 1 & 3 shall not apply on an approved firing range area. A firing range is only allowed after first obtaining a required land use permit through the Readfield Planning Board.

Section 5. Possession of a firearm on public school property or discharging one within 500 feet of school property is a violation of state law.

Section 6. Any violation of this ordinance is considered a civil infraction. Violations will be subject to a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $5,000 plus costs incurred by the Town of Readfield.