ANN ARBOR CITY APPROVAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-21-39

CHAPTER 115

(WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 115 (WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES) OF TITLE IX (POLICE REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR.


The purpose of this chapter is to preserve public health, safety, and welfare, by specifying certain requirements for the possession and use of fire weapons, firearms, explosives, and fireworks. The provisions of this chapter are supplementary to all other applicable statutes and ordinances dealing with these matters, and nothing in this chapter shall be construed to excuse any person from its legal requirements.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)


The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this chapter:

(1) **Explosive** means explosive as defined in the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Ann Arbor.

(2) **Firearm** means any weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosive. A pneumatic gun, as defined in P.A. 1990, No. 319, as amended, being Section 123.1101 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, other than a paintball gun that expels by pneumatic pressure plastic balls filled with paint for the purpose of marking the point of impact, is also considered a firearm for purposes of this chapter.

(3) **Fireworks** means fireworks as defined by the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Ann Arbor.

(4) **Licensed dealer** means a person licensed under Section 923 of Chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code who regularly buys and sells firearms as a commercial activity with the principal objective livelihood and profit.

(5) **Pistol** means the term defined as pistol in P.A. 1913, No. 328 as amended being Section 750.222 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(6) **Public place** means any street, sidewalk, alley, park, government-owned or government-controlled building, common hallway or public room of any place of business or assembly open to the public, common hallway or public room of
any dwelling of greater than 2 units, and any other place to which the public has lawful access.

(7) **Weapon** means any air pistol, air rifle, slingshot, airbow, crossbow, bow, firebomb, bomb, nun-chuk, or throwing star, but shall not include antique guns not in operating condition.

(8) **Nun-chuk** means a martial arts device consisting of 2 sticks, pipes, or bars connected by a chain, rope, or other flexible connector.

(9) **Throwing star** means a martial arts device made from a thin, flat, rigid piece of metal in the shape of a star or other symmetrical shape, with sharpened edges or points or with edges or points that may be sharpened.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 1, 11-14-16)

9:262. Possession of weapons or firearms in public places.

(1) Possession of weapons or firearms in public places shall be governed by state law.

(2) A person may possess a weapon to the extent that such possession is necessary in connection with a federal or state permit relating to a wildlife control protocol approved by the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 2, 11-14-16)

9:263. Discharge of weapons.

No person shall discharge any weapon or firearm within the city except in connection with a regularly scheduled educational, recreational, or training program under adequate supervision, or in connection with the performance of lawful duties of law enforcement, or pursuant to a permit issued by a federal or state agency in connection with a wildlife control protocol approved by the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor, or otherwise allowed by law.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 3, 11-14-16)


No person shall possess in a public place any explosive the possession of which requires a permit under Section F-2700.2 of the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Ann Arbor except for use under the provisions of a valid permit, or for transportation to the location of such use.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)

9:265. Sale or transfer of explosives.

No person shall knowingly sell or transfer any explosive the possession of which requires a permit under Section F-2700.2 of the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Ann Arbor to a person who fails to display to the seller or transferor a valid permit issued to the buyer or transferee; the seller or transferor shall keep a written record of all sales and transfers of the explosives, whether or not a permit is required for the possession of
the explosive, including the names and addresses of buyers and transferees, the dates of sale or transfer, and the quantities of explosives involved.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)

9:266. Use of fireworks.

"National holidays" are the following established holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. This list may be amended to reflect acts of Congress.

(1) No person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, as defined in the Michigan fireworks safety act, Act No. 256 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2011 (MCL 28.451 et seq.), as amended from time to time ("the Act"), except of the type and under the conditions permitted by this section and the Act.

(2) A person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, as defined in the Act, on the following days during the hours specified:

(a) Between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 1:00 a.m. and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Day, and

(b) Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on the day of all other national holidays, as well as on the day preceding and the day after New Year's Day and all other national holidays.

Any other ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks is prohibited.

(3) A violation of this section shall be a civil infraction subject to a fine of not more than $500.00 plus costs.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 13-14, § 1, 6-17-13)


No person, while in a public place, shall wear on his or her person or carry in his or her clothing any knife, sword or machete having a blade longer than 4 inches, or, in the case of a knife with a mechanism to lock the blade in place when opened, longer than 3 inches, except as follows:

(1) During the time when the person is engaged in work requiring such a device.

(2) When the device is securely packaged for purposes of purchase or sale.

(3) When worn as part of a military or fraternal uniform in connection with a public ceremony or parade.

(4) When the person carrying the knife is fishing or is carrying it along with other fishing gear while going to or returning from fishing.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)
9:268. Purchase or sale of nun-chuks or throwing stars.
(1) No person under the age of 17 shall purchase or attempt to purchase a nun-chuk or throwing star.
(2) No person shall give, sell, or offer to sell a nun-chuk or throwing star to any person under 18 years of age.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person shall not knowingly brandish a firearm in public.
(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following:
   (a) A peace officer lawfully performing his or her duties as a peace officer.
   (b) A person lawfully engaged in hunting.
   (c) A person lawfully engaged in target practice.
   (d) A person lawfully engaged in the sale, purchase, repair, or transfer of that firearm.
   (e) A person acting pursuant to a permit issued by federal or state agency in connection with a wildlife control protocol approved by the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 4, 11-14-16)

9:270. Selling a pistol.
No person shall knowingly sell a pistol without complying with section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being Section 28.422 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

9:271. Licensed dealer; sale of pistol.
No licensed dealer shall knowingly sell a pistol without complying with Section 2a of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being Section 28.422a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), every person who owns a pistol must have it inspected as required under Section 9 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being Section 29.429 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who obtained a pistol in violation of Section 9 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, before the effective date of the
1990 amendatory act that added subsection 750.228(2) to the Michigan Compiled Laws who has not been convicted of that violation, and who has his or her pistol inspected as required under Section 9 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927 within 90 days after the effective date of the 1990 amendatory act that added subsection 750.228(2) to the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)


No person shall use or attempt to use false identification or the identification of another person to purchase a firearm.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

9:274. Transportation or possession of firearm, crossbow and bows and arrows in a motor vehicle or self-propelled vehicle.

(1) Except as otherwise permitted by law, regulation or permit, a person shall not transport or possess in or upon a motor vehicle or self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel a firearm, other than a pistol, unless the firearm is unloaded and is 1 or more of the following:

(a) Taken down.
(b) Enclosed in a case.
(c) Carried in the trunk of the vehicle.
(d) Inaccessible from the interior of the vehicle.

while that vehicle is operated on a highway, road or street.

(2) Except as otherwise permitted by law, regulation or permit, a person shall not transport or possess in or upon a motor vehicle or self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel a crossbow or bow and arrows, unless:

(a) All arrows are in a quiver.
(b) The bow is enclosed in a case or unstrung or carried in the trunk of a vehicle while that vehicle is operated on a highway, road or street.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 5, 11-14-16)

9:275. Liquor or other drug; possession or use of firearm by person under the influence.

No person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any exhilarating or stupefying drug shall carry, have in possession or under control, or use in any manner or discharge any firearm within this city.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)
9:276. Pistols accepted in pawn, by second-hand dealer or junk dealer.

No pawnbroker shall accept a pistol in pawn, nor any second-hand or junk dealer, as defined in Act No. 350 of the Public Acts of 1917, shall accept a pistol and offer or display the same for resale.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

9:277. Purchasers of firearms; registration.

No person engaged in any way or to any extent in the business of selling at retail, guns, pistols, or firearms or silencers for firearms shall fail or neglect to keep a register in which shall be entered the name, age, occupation and residence (if residing in the city with the street number of such residence) of each and every purchaser of such guns, pistols, other firearms or silencers for firearms together with the number or other mark of identification, if any, on such gun, pistol, other firearms or silencer for firearms, which said register shall be open to the inspection of all peace officers at all times.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

9:278. Obtaining pistol in violation of MCL Section 28.422.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), no person shall obtain a pistol in violation of Section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being Section 28.422 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who obtained a pistol in violation of Section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927 before the effective date of the 1990 amendatory act that added subsection 750.232a to the Michigan Compiled Laws who has not been convicted of that violation, and who obtains a license as required under Section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927 within 90 days after the effective date of the 1990 amendatory act that added subsection 750.232a to the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)


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(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this chapter:

(1) **Explosive** means a chemical compound, mixture or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. The term includes, but is not limited to dynamite, black powder, pellet powder, initiating explosives, detonators, safety fuses, squibs, denoting cord, igniter cord and igniters.

(2) **Firearm** means any weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosive. A pneumatic gun, as defined in P.A. 1990, No. 319, as amended, being Section 123.1101 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, other than a paintball gun that expels by pneumatic pressure plastic balls filled with paint for the purpose of marking the point of impact, is also considered a firearm for purposes of this chapter.

(3) **Fireworks** means any composition or device for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect for entertainment purposes by combustion, deflagration or detonation that meets the following definitions:

   a. Large fireworks devices, which are explosive materials, intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce audible or visible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation. They include, but are not limited to firecrackers containing more than 130 milligrams (2 grains) of explosive composition, aerial shells containing more 40 grams of pyrotechnic composition and other display pieces which exceed the limits for classification of fireworks in section b.

   b. Small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primary to produce visible or audible effects by combustion or deflagration that complies with the construction, chemical composition and labeling regulations of the DOTn for Fireworks, UN 003 and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission as set forth in CPSC 16 CFR Parts 1500 and 1507.

(4) **Licensed dealer** means a person licensed under Section 923 of Chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code who regularly buys and sells firearms as a commercial activity with the principal objective livelihood and profit.

(5) **Pistol** means the term defined as pistol in P.A. 1913, No. 328 as amended being Section 750.222 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(6) **Public place** means any street, sidewalk, alley, park, government-owned or government-controlled building, common hallway or public room of any place of business or assembly open to the public, common hallway or public room of any dwelling of greater than 2 units, and any other place to which the public has lawful access.

(7) **Weapon** means any air pistol, air rifle, slingshot, airbow, crossbow, bow, firebomb, bomb, nun-chuk, or throwing star, but shall not include antique guns not in operating condition.
(8) *Nun-chuk* means a martial arts device consisting of 2 sticks, pipes, or bars connected by a chain, rope, or other flexible connector.

(9) *Throwing star* means a martial arts device made from a thin, flat, rigid piece of metal in the shape of a star or other symmetrical shape, with sharpened edges or points or with edges or points that may be sharpened.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 1, 11-14-16)

**9:262. Possession of weapons or firearms in public places.**

(1) Possession of weapons or firearms in public places shall be governed by state law.

(2) A person may possess a weapon to the extent that such possession is necessary in connection with a federal or state permit relating to a wildlife control protocol approved by the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 2, 11-14-16)

**9:263. Discharge of weapons.**

No person shall discharge any weapon or firearm within the city except in connection with a regularly scheduled educational, recreational, or training program under adequate supervision, or in connection with the performance of lawful duties of law enforcement, or pursuant to a permit issued by a federal or state agency in connection with a wildlife control protocol approved by the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor, or otherwise allowed by law.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 3, 11-14-16)

**9:264. Possession of explosives in public places.**

No person shall possess in a public place any explosive the possession of which requires a permit under Section F-2700.2 of the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Ann Arbor except for use under the provisions of a valid permit, or for transportation to the location of such use.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)

**9:265. Sale or transfer of explosives.**

No person shall knowingly sell or transfer any explosive the possession of which requires a permit under Section F-2700.2 of the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Ann Arbor to a person who fails to display to the seller or transferor a valid permit issued to
the buyer or transferee; the seller or transferor shall keep a written record of all sales
and transfers of the explosives, whether or not a permit is required for the possession of
the explosive, including the names and addresses of buyers and transferees, the dates
of sale or transfer, and the quantities of explosives involved.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail
and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

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9:266. Use of fireworks.

"National holidays" are the following established holidays: New Year's Day, Martin
Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence
Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. This list may be amended to reflect
acts of Congress.

(1) No person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, as defined in the
Michigan fireworks safety act, Act No. 256 of the Public Acts of Michigan of
2011 (MCL 28.451 et seq.), as amended from time to time ("the Act"), except
of the type and under the conditions permitted by this section and the Act.

(2) A person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, as defined in the
Act, on the following days during the hours specified:

(a) Between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 1:00 a.m. and between the hours of
8:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Day; and

(b) Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on the day of all other
national holidays, as well as on the day preceding and the day after New
Year's Day and all other national holidays.

Any other ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks is prohibited.

(3) A violation of this section shall be a civil infraction subject to a fine of not more
than $500.00 plus costs.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 13-14, § 1, 6-17-13)


No person, while in a public place, shall wear on their person or carry in their
clothing any knife, sword or machete having a blade longer than 4 inches, or, in the
case of a knife with a mechanism to lock the blade in place when opened, longer than 3
inches, except as follows:

(1) During the time when the person is engaged in work requiring such a device.

(2) When the device is securely packaged for purposes of purchase or sale.

(3) When worn as part of a military or fraternal uniform in connection with a public
ceremony or parade.
(4) When the person carrying the knife is fishing or is carrying it along with other fishing gear while going to or returning from fishing.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)

9:268. Purchase or sale of nun-chuks or throwing stars.

(1) No person under the age of 17 shall purchase or attempt to purchase a nun-chuk or throwing star.

(2) No person shall give, sell, or offer to sell a nun-chuk or throwing star to any person under 18 years of age.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 1, 12-7-92)


(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person shall not knowingly brandish a firearm in public.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following:

   (a) A peace officer lawfully performing their duties as a peace officer.

   (b) A person lawfully engaged in hunting.

   (c) A person lawfully engaged in target practice.

   (d) A person lawfully engaged in the sale, purchase, repair, or transfer of that firearm.

   (e) A person acting pursuant to a permit issued by federal or state agency in connection with a wildlife control protocol approved by the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 4, 11-14-16)

9:270. Selling a pistol.

No person shall knowingly sell a pistol without complying with section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being Section 28.422 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)
9:271. Licensed dealer; sale of pistol.

No licensed dealer shall knowingly sell a pistol without complying with Section 2a of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being Section 28.422a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)


Repealed.


No person shall use or attempt to use false identification or the identification of another person to purchase a firearm.

A violation of this provision a misdemeanor, punishable up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500, and the mandatory forfeiture of the firearm.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

9:274. Transportation or possession of firearm, crossbow and bows and arrows in a motor vehicle or self-propelled vehicle.

(1) Except as otherwise permitted by law, regulation or permit, a person shall not transport or possess in or upon a motor vehicle or self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel a firearm, other than a pistol, unless the firearm is unloaded and is 1 or more of the following:

(a) Taken down.

(b) Enclosed in a case.

(c) Carried in the trunk of the vehicle.

(d) Inaccessible from the interior of the vehicle.

while that vehicle is operated on a highway, road or street.

(2) Except as otherwise permitted by law, regulation or permit, a person shall not transport or possess in or upon a motor vehicle or self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel a crossbow or bow and arrows, unless:

(a) All arrows are in a quiver.

(b) The bow is enclosed in a case or unstrung or carried in the trunk of a vehicle while that vehicle is operated on a highway, road or street.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.
(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92; Ord. No. 16-22, § 5, 11-14-16)
9:275. Liquor or other drug; possession or use of firearm by person under the influence.

No person shall carry, possess, have under their control, use or discharge a firearm while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or having an alcohol content of .08 grams per 100 millimeters of blood, 210 liters of breath, or 67 millimeters of urine or their ability to use a firearm was visibly impaired because of the consumption of alcohol liquor, a controlled substance or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by 93 days and or $100 fine and the mandatory forfeiture of the firearm.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

9:276. Pistols accepted in pawn, by second-hand dealer or junk dealer.

No pawnbroker shall accept a pistol in pawn, nor any second-hand or junk dealer, as defined in Act No. 350 of the Public Acts of 1917, shall accept a pistol and offer or display the same for resale.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

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No person engaged in any way or to any extent in the business of selling at retail, guns, pistols, or firearms or silencers for firearms shall fail or neglect to keep a register in which shall be entered the name, age, occupation and residence (if residing in the city with the street number of such residence) of each and every purchaser of such guns, pistols, other firearms or silencers for firearms together with the number or other mark of identification, if any, on such gun, pistol, other firearms or silencer for firearms, which said register shall be open to the inspection of all peace officers at all times.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

(Ord. No. 82-92, § 2, 12-7-92)

9:278. Obtaining pistol in violation of MCL Section 28.422.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), no person shall obtain a pistol in violation of Section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being Section 28.422 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who obtained a pistol in violation of Section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927 before the effective date of the 1990 amendatory act that added subsection 750.232a to the Michigan Compiled Laws who has not been convicted of that violation, and who obtains a license as required under Section 2 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927 within 90 days
after the effective date of the 1990 amendatory act that added subsection 750.232a to the Michigan Compiled Laws.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force as of April 15, 2022.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, at its regular session of December 20, 2021.

Jacqueline Beaudry, Ann Arbor City Clerk
Christopher Taylor, Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor

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