

ORDINANCE NO. 5149

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article 3 (AIR GUNS) of Chapter 2 (WEAPONS) of Title 13 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by deleting the text shown in strikethrough and adding text shown underlined as follows:

Sec. 13-2-71 - Definition.

For the purpose of this article, the word "air gun" shall mean any air rifle, BB gun, spring gun or similar gun or device for the propulsion of shot or other metal pellet by means of compressed air, mechanical spring action or other mechanical method, but shall not mean a firearm. (Code 1963, Sec. 41-20)

Sec. 13-2-72 –~~Sale, etc., to person under 18 years of age—prohibited.~~ Use of air guns by minors

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, lend, rent or otherwise transfer an air gun or projectiles therefor to any person whom he knows or has reasonable cause to believe is under 18 years of age. (Code 1963, Sec. 41-21)~~

Minors below the age of 16 must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or other adult supervisor approved by a parent or guardian of any minor in all uses of pneumatic guns on private or public property. Minors above the age of 16, with the written consent of a parent or guardian, may use a pneumatic gun at any place designated for such use by Section 13-2-74. Any minor, whether permitted by a parent or guardian to use a pneumatic gun or not, shall be responsible for obeying all laws, regulations and restrictions governing such use.

Sec. 13-2-73 –~~Same—false statement of age.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person falsely to represent himself to be 18 years of age or over in order to obtain an air gun. (Code 1963, Sec. 41-22)~~

Sec. 13-2-74 - Discharge in city—prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge an air gun within the city except: i) on private property with permission of the owner or legal possessor thereof when conducted with reasonable care to prevent a projectile from crossing the bounds of the property or ii) at facilities approved for shooting ranges. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the council from granting permission for the maintenance of shooting galleries or target ranges under suitable regulations.

Sec. 13-2-75 –~~Same—transferee to be informed.~~

~~Any person who sells, rents or lends an air gun shall inform the person to whom it is transferred that it is unlawful to fire or discharge the air gun within the city. (Code 1963, Sec. 41-24)~~

Section 2. That Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 13 as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

ALLISON SILBERBERG
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Final Passage: June 23, 2018