TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD

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MOVE that the West Springfield Town Council waive the formal reading and hereby resolve, ordain, and enact the following amendments to the Section 7-900 of the Ordinances of the Town of West Springfield.

Be it ordained by the West Springfield Town Council that the Ordinances of the Town of West Springfield be amended as follows:

Revise the current Section 7-900, entitled Firearms and Weapons, as follows:

Section 7-900 Firearms and Weapons

- 1. <u>Discharge in public places prohibited; exceptions.</u> No person shall discharge any gun, pistol, firearm, air pipe, blowpipe, air gun, spring gun, bow gun or crossbow in any of the streets, highways or parks in the town, provided that this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of anyone or in the performance of any duty required by law, or ceremonial salutes. The firing of a salute of cannon or artillery may be allowed by permission of the Town Council with the consent of the Mayor.
- 2. Discharge within 1,000 feet of a dwelling or other building in use; exceptions. No person shall discharge any gun, pistol, firearm, air pipe, blowpipe, air gun, spring gun, bow gun or crossbow within one thousand feet of a dwelling or other building in use, except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, provided that this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the lawful defense of the person, family or property of anyone or in the performance of any duty required by law, or ceremonial salutes. The firing of a salute of cannon or artillery may be allowed by permission of the Town Council with the consent of the Mayor.
- 2.3. Steel-pointed darts or missiles. No steel-pointed darts or -pointed missiles shall be sold at retail within the limits of the town to any persons less than sixteen (16) years of age.
- 3.4. Steel knives, machetes or swords. No steel knives, machetes or swords with a blade length of six (6) inches or more shall be sold at retail within the limits of the town to any person less than sixteen (16) years of age.
- 4.5. Projectiles from air guns, etc. No person shall project, by means of any air pipe, blowpipe, air gun, spring gun, bow gun or crossbow, any object whatever in or into any public street, highway, park, avenue or place within the town.
- 5.6. Inoperable Firearms, Ammunition and Explosive Devices. No person shall sell or expose for sale within the limits of the town firearms, ammunition or explosive devices which have been rendered inoperable, until first obtaining a license to do so isuedissued by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

6.7. Violations. The penalties for violation of this provision shall be \$50.00 for each offense and/or confiscation of said items.

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