

Ordinance No. 194

AN ORDINANCE TO
“PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN PUBLIC PLACES OR
RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN OF EXMORE”

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EXMORE, OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Town of Exmore intends to provide for the prohibition of the discharge of firearms in public places or residential areas within the Town of Exmore for which punishment in the form of fines is prescribed;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Exmore, Virginia that Ordinance No. 194 of the Town of Exmore is hereby enacted on this date April 2, 2012, as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, FOR THE TOWN OF EXMORE:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, have the meaning ascribed to them in this section:

FIREARM: “FIREARM” shall include guns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns and other barreled weapons which utilize combustible propellants.

OTHER SIMILAR WEAPONS: “OTHER SIMILAR WEAPONS” Shall include any other projectile weapon, BB guns, Pellet guns, Air/CO₂ rifles or pistols, Paintball guns, Bows (recurve or compound), Crossbows ,Slingshots and Pea/Grit Shooters which do not utilize combustible propellants:

SECTION 2. REGULATION OF FIREARMS

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot any gun, pistol, revolver, rifle , or any firearm of any kind in the Town of Exmore unless for the defense of person or property or while hunting under the license of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. This section shall not apply to any police officer, chief of police, town sergeant, sheriff, conservator of the peace, or collecting officer while in the discharge of his official duty nor to any person destroying a rabid animal nor for similar necessity.
- (b) The prohibitions in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any person while participating in any shooting event organized and supervised by any organization (for-profit or nonprofit) which has secured a license from the town acting through the town manager. The license shall be issued after investigation by the chief of police or other officer in charge as to whether appropriate safeguards are being undertaken to reasonably ensure the safety of the participants and general public and such officer’s recommendation for

