



Legislation Text

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Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 40, Article II Entitled, "Firearms and Pneumatic Guns," Sec. 40-20, to Reinstate an Ordinance Section Previously Repealed by Clerical Error

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

On January 13, 2016, the City Council adopted amendments to Chapter 40 to bring it in line with the State Code. In the process, Section 40-20 was erroneously repealed. The Hampton Police Division realized this error and has brought this amendment to correct it.

Discussion:

See above

Impact:

There is no physical impact other than to reinstate this Ordinance that was erroneously repealed.

Recommendation:

Approve Ordinance Amendment

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that Section 40-20 of the Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 40 - WEAPONS

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ARTICLE II. - FIREARMS AND PNEUMATIC GUNS

Sec. 40-20. - Discharge over bodies of water.

(a) The discharge or use of a firearm air gun, spring gun, pellet gun or similar implement over bodies of water within the jurisdiction of the city is prohibited, except from blinds licensed by the commonwealth. The discharge or use of a rifle or pistol or a shotgun while loaded with slugs from such licensed blinds is prohibited. Further, no firearm, other than a shotgun loaded with shot not heavier than double ought buckshot, shall be discharged from such blind and no shot shall be

discharged landward within five hundred (500) feet of the shoreline.

(b) Violation of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Cross reference- Penalty for Class 1 misdemeanor, § 1-11.