

FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally feed any wild animal within Town limits. This provision excludes the feeding of wild birds, squirrels, and pollinators.

1. Request for review and approval of reorganizing Projectiles/Firearms/Pellet Guns Ordinances

§130.35 PROJECTILES RESTRICTED

No person shall shoot or project any stone, rock, shot, arrow or other hard substance within the town by means of a slingshot, bean shooter, shot shooter, air rifle, pop gun, bow or other similar contrivance.

(Prior Code, § 2-2) Penalty, see § 130.99

Statutory reference:

Pellet guns (similar devices), see G.S. § 160A-190

§130.36 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

(A) G.S. § 160A-189 states a town may, by ordinance, regulate, restrict or prohibit the discharge of firearms at any time or place within the town, except when used in the defense of person or property or pursuant to lawful directions of law enforcement officers, and may regulate the display of firearms on the streets, sidewalks, alleys or other public property. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a town's authority to take action under G.S. Ch. 14, Art. 36A.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a gun, rifle, pistol or other firearm within the town, except in case of an imminent threat necessitating defense of persons or property; provided that, this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

(Prior Code, § 2-12) (Ord. passed 2-16-2010) Penalty, see § 130.99

Statutory reference:

Firearms, see G.S. § 160A-189

§130.40 PELLET GUNS AND PROJECTILES

(A) G.S. § 160A-190 states a town may, by ordinance, regulate, restrict or prohibit the sale, possession or use within the town of pellet guns or any other mechanism or device designed or used to project a missile by compressed air or mechanical action with less than deadly force.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or project any pellet, stone, rock, shot, BB, arrow or other hard substance within the town by means of a gun, slingshot, bean shooter, air rifle, pop gun, bow or other similar device.

(Ord. passed 2-16-2010) Penalty, see § 130.99

These ordinances make it problematic to address any concerns of the deer population in Laurel Park. Plus, when reading each of these ordinances, they seem repetitive and dated.

Proposal for replacing the three ordinances into one ordinance, as follows:

FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS


(A) No person shall shoot, discharge or release within the town limits any firearms, spring-propelled devices, or guns, including a bow, which discharges sharp pointed arrows designed to penetrate. This section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer or representative of any governmental unit charged with the duties of protecting life or property or enforcing laws and regulations while engaged in the performance of official duties.

(B) It is further provided that this section shall not apply in defense of life; however, for promoting public health, safety, and welfare of the town, this section shall not preclude the officers or persons designated by the town for this purpose pursuant to any depredation permit issued by the State Wildlife Resources Commission or pursuant to the town's participation in the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Community Deer Management Assistance Program.

(C) Pursuant to G.S. § 14-4, any person found guilty of violating § shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and fined \$500.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.
Adopted and approved on this 17th day of June 2025



J. Carey O'Cain, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stephanie K. Banks
Town Clerk

6-17-2025
Date