

ORDINANCE NO. 10122 (N.S.)
02/08/11 (11)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS
33.101 AND 41.117 OF THE SAN
DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY
ORDINANCES RELATING TO
TO NO SHOOTING NEAR HABITATION
AND WEAPONS AND FIREWORKS
IN COUNTY PARKS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that allowing a mentored, juniors-only wild turkey hunt in a County park would benefit youth by providing guidance on safe hunting and exposing youth to the sport in a controlled and structured environment. The amendments made by this ordinance are intended to allow this type of hunting to occur on a limited basis in William Heise Regional Park.

Section 2. Section 31.101 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 33.101. NO SHOOTING NEAR HABITATION—SHOOTING RANGES.

- (a) Other than in defense of person it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm or device fired or discharged with explosives, at any place within the unincorporated territory of the County which is not a reasonably safe distance from all recreational areas, communities, roads or any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith except on and pursuant to the safety regulations of a shooting range established and operated pursuant to a permit issued by the Sheriff.
- (b) For purposes of this section, 150 yards or less is not a reasonably safe distance from any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith unless the person discharging the firearm or device is the owner, person in possession of the premises or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises.
- (c) This section does not apply to a wild turkey hunt in William Heise Regional Park authorized pursuant section 41.117(b)(4) of this code.

Section 3. Section 41.117 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 41.117. WEAPONS AND FIREWORKS.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to possess any of the following in a County Park: “explosives,” as defined in Health and Safety Code section 12000, “fireworks,” as defined in Health and Safety Code section 12511, a “firearm” as defined in Penal Code section 12001, an air gun, bow or crossbow designed to shoot arrows, slingshot, paintball gun, blowgun or throwing knife.
- (b) The Parks Department may, however, grant written authorization:
 - (1) To a youth group to practice archery in a designated area of a County park.
 - (2) To allow bows and arrows to be carried during an historical reenactment.
 - (3) To allow “antique firearms,” as defined in 18 U.S.C. section 921(a)(16), to be carried and discharged using blank ammunition, during an historical reenactment, upon satisfactory proof that all State and federal firearms regulations have been and will be complied with.
 - (4) To allow a mentored, juniors-only turkey hunt, using shotguns or bows and arrows, at William Heise Regional Park for a maximum of two days per year during a State-established juniors-only turkey hunting season, subject to all applicable State and federal laws and regulations.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its passage, and before the expiration of 15 days after its passage, a summary hereof shall be published once with the names of the members of this Board voting for and against it in the San Diego Commerce, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego this 8th day of February, 2011.