

PART I - GENERAL ORDINANCES  
Chapter 38 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS  
ARTICLE II. - OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION 2. FIREARMS

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**Sec. 38-44. Purpose.**

It shall be the purpose of this division to protect the safety and well-being of persons and property in the city.

(Code 1977, § 8-201)

**Sec. 38-45. Definition.**

The term "firearms" means any device from which a projectile is propelled by, but not limited to, gunpowder, CO2, spring action or air. This definition shall be deemed to include, but not limited to, shotguns, rifles, pellet/BB guns, pistols, revolvers, slingshots, blowguns, and bows and arrows.

(Code 1977, § 8-202)

**Sec. 38-46. Use of firearms.**

- (a) *Discharge of firearms.* It shall be unlawful to use, fire, or discharge firearms within the city.
- (b) *Possession and transfer of firearms.* It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give, lend or in anyway cause any person under 18 years of age to possess any air rifle, pellet gun, BB gun slingshot, blowgun, or bow and arrow without a parent or legal guardian present and without permission from said parent or legal guardian. It shall be unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to possess any such device anywhere except property described as his residence except for the express purpose of legal hunting and with a hunting permit as required herein.

(Code 1977, § 8-203)

**Sec. 38-47. Exemptions allowed.**

- (a) This division shall not prohibit the use of firearms by a legally appointed police officer ~~or by a member of a duly licensed gun club as hereinafter provided when firing or discharging firearms on the authorized firing range of the club and within the prescribed hours for shooting.~~
- (b) Nothing in this division applies to activities permitted by the Three Rivers Park District.
- (c) Nothing in this division shall be construed to include the use of firearms or any other weapon when done in the lawful defense of persons, property, family or the necessary enforcement of the law.

(Code 1977, § 8-205)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference(s)—Firearms generally, Minn. Stats. § 609.66; local regulation of firearms, Minn. Stats. § 471.633.

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**Sec. 38-48. Licensing of gun clubs.**

The city council may issue a license to an organization, corporation or individual to operate a gun club within the city subject to the following provisions:

- (1) Applications shall be directed to the city and contain the name of the organization, corporation or individual and description of the property to be used and the names of all the residents within 1,000 feet of the licensee and subsequent to the public hearing the city council may, at its discretion, grant or deny the license;
- (2) The city council shall require that the range be operated in a safe manner and the city council may, at its discretion, set standards for the operation of the range prior to issuance of the license. The license issued by the city council shall be annually, subject to the revocation upon the showing that the licensee has allowed unsafe conditions to exist on the premises or that the licensee has violated any of the standards provided by the city council;
- (3) The city council may at its discretion, restrict the use of the licensed range during certain times to prevent the range from becoming a public nuisance;
- (4) The fee for the annual license to operate a gun club within the city shall be as set forth in chapter 22; and
- (5) It shall be unlawful to own or operate a shooting range in the city unless a license has been issued by the city council.

**Secs. 38-498—38-69. Reserved.**