

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, CO<sub>2</sub>, 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.

The term "Shooting range" or "range" means an area or facility designated or operated primarily for the use of firearms, as defined in section 97A.015, subdivision 19, or archery, and includes shooting preserves as described in section 97A.115 or any other Minnesota law.

(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 or patron of a duly licensed shooting range as hereinafter provided when firing or discharging firearms on the authorized firing range of the shooting range and within the prescribed hours for shooting.
- (b) Nothing in this division applies to activities permitted by the Three Rivers Park District.

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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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(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)

**Secs. 38-48—38-69. Reserved.**