

5-7B-3: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION:

A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of firearms or firearm ammunition when:

- A. He is under eighteen (18) years of age and has in his possession any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person; or
- B. He is under twenty one (21) years of age, has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or
- C. He has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction within five (5) years from release from the penitentiary, or within five (5) years of conviction if penitentiary sentence has not been imposed, and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or
- D. He is a narcotic addict and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or
- E. He has been a patient in a mental hospital within the past five (5) years and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or
- F. He is mentally retarded and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or
- G. He has in his possession any explosive bullet.

For the purposes of this paragraph, "explosive bullet" means the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal. "Cartridge" means a tubular metal case having a projectile affixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear end thereof, with a propellant contained in such tube between the projectile and the cap. (1976 Code §10-9)

5-7B-2: DISCHARGING FIREARMS, AIR RIFLES:

- A. Definitions: For the purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

AIR RIFLE: Any air gun, air pistol, spring gun, spring pistol, BB gun, pellet gun or any implement that is not a firearm which impels a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead or other hard materials with a force that reasonably is expected to cause bodily harm.

FIREARM: Any device, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas; excluding, however:

1. Any pneumatic gun, spring gun or BB gun which expels a single globular projectile not exceeding eighteen one-hundredths of an inch (.18") in diameter or any other device defined as an "air rifle"; or
 2. Any device used exclusively for signaling or safety and required or recommended by the United States Coast Guard or the Interstate Commerce Commission; or
 3. Any device used exclusively for the firing of stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar industrial ammunition; or (1976 Code §10-6)
 4. Any antique firearms (other than a machine gun) which, although designed as a weapon, the Department of State Police of the State of Illinois finds by reason of the date of its manufacture, value, design and other characteristics is primarily a collector's item and is not likely to be used as a weapon. (1976 Code §10-6; 1991 Code)
- B. Discharge of Firearm or Air Rifle Prohibited: It is unlawful for any person, except as hereinafter provided, to discharge any firearm or air rifle in the Village.
- C. Exemptions:
1. Any officer of the law may discharge a firearm in the performance of his duty.
 2. A citizen may discharge a firearm when lawfully defending his person or property.
 3. Persons may discharge firearms while engaged in skeet shooting at locations where skeet shooting is permitted in the Village by the Board of Trustees. The Board may issue a permit, revocable at any time it may determine, to country clubs where the skeet shooting is coincidental to the operation of the club and where the club obtains and files with the Village the written consent of all owners of improved properties within the Village limits adjoining the country club and the written consent of all owners improved properties within the Village limits whose property abuts on portions of the streets which abut the property of the country club. (1976 Code §10-6)