

Sec. 15-4. - Discharge of firearm, generally.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm without reasonable regard for the safety of persons or property.

(Ord. No. 4-96, 9-23-96)

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 4-96, adopted Sept. 23, 1996, did not specify manner of codification; hence, such provisions, which pertained to discharge of a firearm, have been designated as §§ 15-4, 15-5.

**Cross reference**— Penalty provisions, § 15-1.1.

Sec. 15-5. - Restrictions regarding discharge of firearms; exceptions.

- (a) *Restrictions*. No person shall, without the written permission of the current owner or lawful occupant of such property, discharge a firearm within three hundred (300) feet of a dwelling or other building or structure, which is designed to be occupied by human beings. Such written permission must be dated, shall be valid for no longer than one (1) year after its issuance and must be displayed upon the request of any law enforcement officer with authority to enforce this section.
- (b) *Exceptions*. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting discharge of a firearm when used:
  - (1) In defense of person or property;
  - (2) To take birds or animals pursuant to Chapter 113, Subchapter IV, Game Laws, of the North Carolina General Statutes;
  - (3) Pursuant to lawful directions of law enforcement officers;
  - (4) By persons lawfully engaged in pest control or the taking of dangerous animals;
  - (5) At shooting ranges as authorized and approved pursuant to zoning permit of the unified development ordinances of the Forsyth County Code;
  - (6) By members of the armed forces acting in the line of duty; or
  - (7) At historic ceremonial or commemoration functions held for such purpose provided in no event shall live ammunition be used or discharged.

(Ord. No. 4-96, 9-23-96; Ord. No. 5-96, 9-23-96)

**Note**— See the editor's note following § 15-4.

**Cross reference**— Penalty provisions, § 15-1.1.