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## **Chapter 38**

### **Hunting and the Discharge of Firearms and Other Weapons**

#### § 38-1. Discharge of Weapons Prohibited.

A. Except as set forth in Subsections B, C and D of this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person, except a sworn law enforcement officer of the United States, the State of Maryland, Queen Anne's County, or the Town, acting lawfully and within the scope of the law enforcement officer's official duties, to discharge or fire any firearm or other deadly weapon (including, but not limited to the following: rifle, shotgun, fowling piece, air rifle, revolver, pistol, bb gun, bow and arrow, or slingshot), using a live or deadly missile, spear, arrow, or other ammunition capable of causing injury to persons or property.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the owner of farmland and/or woodland within the Town comprised of at least 10 contiguous acres, and the family members of the owner, and, with the owner's written permission, obtained in advance, the owner's tenants, employees and guests, may discharge a weapon for the purpose of destroying vermin or hunting game, provided that:

1. If such weapon is discharged for the purpose of hunting, such person is in possession of a valid hunting license if required by State law or regulation,
2. Such person is in full compliance with all Federal, State and Town statutes, ordinances and regulations with respect to hunting and the discharge of firearms, including but not limited to the requirements of MD Code Ann., Nat. Res. Art., pertaining to the establishment of a safety zone around buildings occupied by humans,
3. That no person shall use a fully automatic weapon for such purpose, and
4. A person authorized by this subsection to discharge a weapon shall not do so in any manner that causes a projectile to leave the farmland and/or woodland of said owner.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, a person may discharge a weapon upon Town property designated by the Commissioners as appropriate for hunting activities pursuant to a valid hunting license, provided that:

1. Such person is in possession of a valid hunting license or permit and written permission of the Town,
2. Such person is in full compliance all Federal, State and Town statutes, ordinances and regulations with respect to hunting and the discharge of firearms, including but not limited to the requirements of MD Code Ann., Nat. Res. Art., pertaining to the establishment of a safety zone around buildings occupied by humans,
3. That no person shall use a fully automatic weapon for such purpose, and
4. A person authorized by this Subsection to discharge a weapon shall not do so in any manner that causes a projectile to leave the property.

D. It shall be unlawful to aid, abet or assist any person to discharge a firearm as prohibited by this section.

§§ 38-2 through 38-4. Reserved.

§ 38-5. Violations and Penalties.

A person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as set forth in Chapter 8 of this Code.

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