



Sierra CCW Firearms Training

## County and City Laws Handout

### Nevada County Codes

#### Sec. G-VII 1.27 Discharging a Firearm

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm of any sort on or into property owned by the County of Nevada, including but not limited to the sanitary landfill, convenience stations, Administration Building, maintenance yards, airport property, cemeteries and parks.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Discharge any firearm within 50 yards of any dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or any outbuilding used in connection therewith.
2. Except when hunting, to discharge any firearm in such a manner that the bullet (projectile) does not remain on the lot or parcel from which it was fired.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of subparagraph (B) shall not prohibit:

1. The discharge of a firearm within 50 yards of any such dwelling house, residence, etc. if all buildings within 50 yards of the point of discharge are owned by the person discharging the weapon, is a member of his or her family, or is an invited guest thereof.
2. The discharge of a firearm for the express purpose of the lawful slaughtering of animals.

The provisions of subparagraph B shall not apply to any shooting range operated by law enforcement agencies nor to any shooting ranges existing on the date of the adoption of this ordinance, provided the owner or operator has registered the shooting range with the Sheriff's Department within 90 days of the adoption of this ordinance.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise. This subsection shall not apply to persons legally engaged in hunting for non-game mammals and/or furbearers in accordance with Title 14, Sections 466 and 474, of the California Code of Regulations.

D. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the discharge of a firearm in the defense of a direct threat to life or to protect property. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any person conducting a predatory control program on behalf of or licensed by any federal, state or county agency.

E. Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor; provided however that any violation shall be an infraction subject to the procedures of Penal Code Sections 19c and 19d, when:

1. The prosecutor files a complaint charging the offense as an infraction unless the defendant, at the time he is arraigned, after being informed of his rights, elects to have the case proceed as a misdemeanor, or;
2. The court, with the consent of the defendant, determines that the offense is an infraction in which event the case shall proceed as if the defendant had been arraigned on an infraction complaint.

### **Sec. G-IX 1.4 Shooting Across Waterways; Hunting of Waterfowl**

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot any firearms or gun operated by compressed gases or a spring from any boat or across or over any portion of the waters of any lake or reservoir; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prohibit the shooting of a shotgun from a boat or across a lake or reservoir waters during the lawful waterfowl hunting season for the purpose of killing waterfowl.

### **Placer County Codes**

#### **9.20.020 Private Land—County Parks**

A. Authority and Purpose. The provisions of this section are enacted pursuant to Section 25840 of the State Government Code for the purpose of regulating the use of firearms where their use would be extremely dangerous to persons or property.

B. Exemptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the use of a firearm by a peace officer acting in the performance of his or her duties as a peace officer or to a private citizen acting in the defense of persons or property or in any shooting range for which an unrevoked written permit has been granted therefor by the board of supervisors when such shooting is done in accordance with the rules established by the owner for the use of such range.

C. Penalties. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not in excess of six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

D. Entry on Private Land with Weapon. It is unlawful for any person to enter upon any privately owned land under cultivation or enclosed by a fence or upon privately owned uncultivated or enclosed lands where signs prohibiting hunting and trespassing are displayed at intervals not less than three to the mile along all exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering such lands, with a firearm or other weapons in his or her possession without the written consent of the owner of such land in his or her possession.

E. Shooting Across Private Land. It is unlawful for any person to shoot any bullet, arrow or other projectile into, across or above any privately owned land under cultivation or enclosed by a fence or the privately owned uncultivated or enclosed lands where signs prohibiting hunting or trespass are displayed at intervals not less than three to the mile along all exterior boundaries and at all road and trails entering such lands, without the written consent of the owner of such land in his possession.

F. Shooting in County Park. It is unlawful for any person to shoot, discharge, or fire any bullet, arrow or other projectile into, over, or on any county-owned park or county-operated park. (Ord. 5006-B (part), 1999; prior code § 12.19)

#### **Placer County Airports (Blue Canyon) 12.44.210 Firearms**

No person shall shoot any projectile from a firearm or other device, into, on, or across any portion of the airport, nor have in his or her possession, or under his or her control, any firearm which is not unloaded and securely wrapped and boxed for shipment, or explosive or explosive device; provided, however, that this section does not apply to peace officers or military personnel who are acting in the performance of their duties as such. (Prior code § 34.100)

## **El Dorado County Code**

### **Sec. 18.08.040. - Unauthorized Handling of Firearms Prohibited**

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any projectile from a firearm from, into, or across any portion of any County airport, or to have in his or her possession or under his or her control upon any County airport any firearm unless properly licensed or otherwise authorized by law.

### **Sec. 9.46.240. - Firearms, Traps and Other Weapons**

No person shall possess, use, discharge or cause to be discharged any gun, firearm or weapon while in a park, including any air or gas weapon, spring gun, spear, bow and arrow, crossbow, sling shot, animal trap, knife with blade over five inches long, explosive or any other form of weapon potentially dangerous to wildlife or human safety. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any gun, firearm or weapon onto or across a park from outside the boundary of a park.

### **Sec. 9.44.050. - Use of Firearms at Airports**

It is unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm into or within the area within 500 feet of any public airport in the County except within a law enforcement pistol or rifle range approved by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

### **Sec. 12.60.040. - Shooting Across Water Prohibited**

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any firearm or gun operated by compressed gases or a spring from any boat or across or over any portion of the waters of any lake or reservoir; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prohibit the shooting of a shotgun from a boat or across lake or reservoir waters during the lawful water fowl hunting season for the purpose of killing lawful water fowl.

## **Town of Truckee Municipal Code 9.13.010 Discharging a Firearm**

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Discharge a firearm of any sort on or into property owned by the Town of Truckee.
  2. Discharge any firearm within one hundred fifty (150) yards of any dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or outbuilding used in connection therewith.
  3. Discharge any firearm in such a manner that the bullet (projectile) does not remain on the lot or parcel from which it was fired.
  4. Intentionally discharge any firearm over or across any public road, trail owned or maintained by the Town of Truckee, or other established way open to the public, in an unsafe and reckless manner.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of subparagraphs 2 and 3 shall not prohibit the discharge of a firearm within one hundred fifty (150) yards of any such dwelling house, residence, etc., if the person discharging the weapon is: (i) the owner of all buildings within one fifty (150) yards of the point of discharge; (ii) a member of such owner's family; or (iii) an invited guest of such owner. (ORD 2014-05 04-22-2014) 9.13.020

Time Prohibition: It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

## **City of South Lake Tahoe Municipal Code**

### **4.75.020 Weapons and Firearms - Entry Upon Private Property in Possession of Dangerous Weapon**

No person shall enter upon any privately owned land with a firearm or other dangerous weapon in his possession, without the written consent of the owner of such land in his possession. (Ord. 195 § 3. Code 1997 § 18-14)

### **4.75.030 Weapons and Firearms - Discharge in City**

A. No person shall shoot any bullet, arrow or other projectile into, across or above any privately owned land without the written consent of the owner of such land in his possession.

B. No person shall fire, discharge or shoot any firearms into or within any part of the city. (Ord. 195 § 3. Code 1997 § 18-15)

#### **4.75.040 Use, Possession, Discharge, Sale of Dangerous Weapons by Minors - Generally**

Except as otherwise provided in SLTCC 4.75.050, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give, loan, or in any way furnish, or to cause or permit to be sold, given, loaned, or in any way furnished to a minor, or to allow any minor to use or possess or discharge, or for any minor to use or possess or discharge a dangerous weapon. For the purposes of this chapter only, a minor is a person who is under the age of 18 years. (Ord. 195 § 3. Code 1997 § 18-16)

#### **4.75.050 Use, Possession, Discharge, Sale of Dangerous Weapons by Minors - Exceptions**

Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed or construed to prohibit the selling, giving, loaning, or furnishing to any minor, upon written consent of the parent or guardian of such minor, any dangerous weapon as defined in SLTCC 4.75.010(F); nor to prohibit such minor from using or having in his possession, care, custody or control any such dangerous weapon as so defined in the event that such possession, care, custody, control or use is had with the consent of the parent or guardian of such minor and is under the direct supervision and control of some person over the age of 21 years. (Ord. 195 § 3. Code 1997 § 18-17)

#### **4.75.080 Exceptions to Peace Officers and Private Citizens**

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the use of a firearm by a peace officer acting in the performance of his duties as a peace officer or to a private citizen acting in the defense of persons or property, or in any shooting range for which an unrevoked written permit has been granted therefor by the city council when such shooting is done in accordance with the rules established by the owner for the use of such range.

#### **Other Laws**

Certain kinds of ammunition are illegal in California. Possession of armor piercing and tracer ammo is a felony. There is no longer an exception for CCW holders to carry weapons at schools.

Every city and county in the state of California will have their own municipal codes regarding the possession, use, or discharge of firearms. In San Francisco for example, the sale or possession of firearms or ammunition is prohibited on all county property. It is the responsibility of the CCW holder to check municipal codes before travelling with a concealed firearm.

These laws may change from year to year. All firearms laws in California can be looked up online at state, county, and city websites, as well as several commercial websites.