

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-500

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY,
TO REPLACE SECTION 41.08 DISCHARGING WEAPONS AND SECTION
41.09 THROWING AND SHOOTING**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Polk City, Iowa, that:

Section 1. Section 41.08, Discharging Weapons, is hereby amended by deleting the current section and inserting the following new section:

41.08 BOWS AND ARROWS

No person shall shoot a bow and arrow, except pursuant to the following subsections, within the City or within a City-owned park, without permission from the Chief of Police. Such permission shall limit the time and place of shooting and may be revoked by the Chief of Police. To “shoot a bow and arrow” means to place a nock of the arrow in the string of a bow or of any other object and to release the arrow in such fashion that when the string is pulled and released, the arrow thrusts forward.

1. General Regulations. No person shall shoot a bow and arrow within the City or in a City-owned park except as follows:

A. Any person may participate in a supervised program of physical education or competitive sports in a public or private school or in a City park area designated by the City.

B. Any person may shoot a bow and arrow at a public or private lane or range that has been certified by the Archery Lane Operators Association or the National Field Archery Association.

C. Any participant may shoot a bow and arrow in a tournament which either has been approved by the City Administrator at least one week prior to the time of the tournament and for which tournament rules have been submitted to the City Administrator or is conducted at a licensed lane or range.

D. Any person may shoot a bow and arrow on private or school property provided the requirements of the following subsection are met.

2. Use of Bows and Arrows on Private Property. No person shall shoot a bow and arrow in such fashion that it travels beyond the boundaries of the private or school property on which the person is shooting. Any person shooting a bow and arrow on private or school property shall direct the arrow toward a backdrop composed of a substance which will not allow the arrow to pass through and such backdrop must extend at least five feet beyond the target on the top and both sides and must extend from the bottom of the target to the ground. The target shall be constructed and installed so that the target face cannot move more than two inches in any direction.

3. Use of Bows and Arrows for Hunts. No person shall shoot a bow and arrow within the City limits or in a City-owned park at any living being such as an animal, bird, fish or fowl, unless it is done under The Polk County Conservation Controlled Bow Hunting Requirements.

4. Use of Bows and Arrows by Minors. No person shall furnish to any minor under 15 years of age by gift, sale, or otherwise, any arrows or components thereof unless said minor is participating in a supervised school program or is practicing at an approved public or private archery lane or range or is practicing on the private property of the supervising adult.

Section 2. Section 41.09, Throwing and Shooting, is hereby amended by deleting the current section and inserting the following:

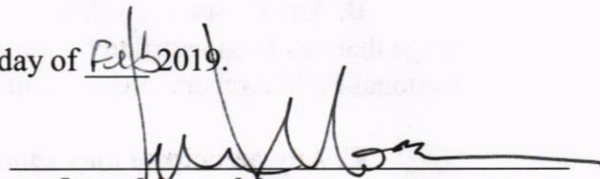
41.09 THROWING AND SHOOTING; DISCHARGING WEAPONS

It is unlawful for a person to throw stones, bricks, or missiles of any kind or to shoot, fire, or discharge rifles, shotguns, revolvers, pistols, guns, air guns, BB guns, or firearms of any kind within the City limits except by authorization of the Council, unless it is for the purpose of hunting within property zoned agricultural (A-1). The term "air gun" means any gun, including handguns, capable of propelling a pellet or other projectile from the barrel of such gun by non-explosive means, such as compressed air, CO2, or other gas. The term "BB gun" means any such gun capable of propelling a BB or other projectile from the barrel by means of a spring mechanism or air. The terms "shoot," "fire," and "discharge" mean the act of triggering the mechanism of such air gun or BB gun so that it propels a pellet, BB or other projectile from the barrel of such gun.

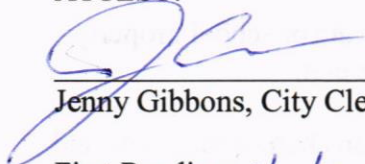
Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of Feb 2019.


Jason Morse, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenny Gibbons, City Clerk

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