

## Chapter 16

### PUBLIC SAFETY OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS\*

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\* **Charter References:** Public safety ordinances authorized, § 3(5).  
**Cross References:** Fireworks, § 9-1; motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 11; public meetings, Ch. 15.

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#### Sec. 16-1. Restrictions on ball games.

The playing of games wherein balls or other missiles are thrown, batted or kicked is prohibited in parks, streets or other posted places, except at athletic fields and play fields which have been established for ball playing and subject to such regulations as may be established by the city manager.  
(Code 1971, § 12-1)

#### Sec. 16-2. Obstructing sidewalks, streets, etc.

No person shall obstruct the free use of any such street, avenue, alley, road, highway or mall, or any foot pavements thereof, or the free entrance into any public or private building or enclosure. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
(Code 1971, § 12-2)

#### Sec. 16-3. Weapons and hunting.

- (a) No person shall discharge any firearms within the city. This subsection shall not apply to:
- (1) Approved rifle ranges or shooting galleries or in private grounds or premises under circumstances when such firearms can be fired, discharged or operated in such a manner as not to endanger person or property, and also in such manner as to prevent the projectile from traversing any grounds or space outside the limits of such gallery, range, grounds or residence;
  - (2) United States marshals, sheriffs, constables and their deputies, and any regular, special or ex-officio police officer, or any other law enforcement officer or any member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard while such persons are engaged in the discharge of their duties;
  - (3) Persons exercising their right of self defense, or defense of others.
- (b) No person shall hunt within the city.
- (c) No person shall transport any air-gun, "B-B gun", gas-operated gun or spring gun, on any public way except when such weapon is unloaded and properly cased.
- (d) No person within the city shall have in his possession, except within his own domicile, or carry or use any instrument, toy or weapon commonly known as a "peashooter", "slingshot" or "beany."

(e) Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Code 1971, § 12-7)

**Sec. 16-4. Emergency call boxes.**

No person shall use or activate an emergency call box for non-emergency purposes. Each use or activation of an emergency call box shall constitute a separate offense. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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