

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. C-5

April 4, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to ARTICLE IV, Chapter 20. MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES and ARTICLE III, Chapter 17. CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION as follows:

1. DELETE Sec. 20-62 in its entirety, and INSERT in place thereof the following language:

**Sec. 20-62. Weapons – Discharging firearms, air rifles.**

- (a) No person shall, except in the performance of a duty required by law, discharge any firearm, rifle or shotgun upon or across any street or public grounds within the city, except at any military exercise or review authorized by the military authority of the State or by the City Council, nor upon any private property without the consent of the owner or tenant thereof.
- (b) No person shall discharge an air rifle, air pistol, BB gun or pellet gun in the city.
- (c) Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per offense. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Where non-criminal disposition of this section by civil fine has been provided for in sections 17-22 and 17-23 of these revised Ordinances, as amended, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 40, section 21D, said violation may be enforced in the manner provided in such statute. The civil penalty for each such violation is set forth in section 17-23(d).

2. INSERT at the end of paragraph (d) POLICE DEPARTMENT of Sec. 17-23 Enforcing persons and revised ordinances subject to civil fine, the following language:

Sec. 20-62. Weapons – Discharging firearms, air rifles

( ) Any offense .....\$300.00

Approved as to legal form and character:


*Alissa O. Giuliani*  
ALISSA O. GIULIANI  
City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Adopted  
23 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent (Councilor Crossley)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Approved:

  
(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk

  
(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER  
Mayor

4/11/2022