

NO SHOOT ZONES

County Code Section 8.28.030

Areas Where Discharging a Firearm is Prohibited

Santa Cruz County, California

Legend

- No Shoot Zones
- City Limits

8.28.040 Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following exceptions:

- (A) Employees of Federal, State and local governmental agencies when the discharge of firearms is necessary in performance of their official duties for the protection and/or welfare of the public;
- (B) Private landowners, on their own property, when the discharge of firearms is necessary to eliminate pests or crop-destroying animals on their property;
- (C) Existing shooting galleries, trap shooting, rifle or target ranges operating within said restricted territory pursuant to a valid use permit on the effective date of the addition of the territory as a part of this chapter;
- (D) Persons legally discharging firearms for the purpose of dog training with a 10-gauge or smaller shotgun and using no larger than size two shot; provided, however, that all discharge of firearms is prohibited within 150 yards of the Pajaro River Levee from a point 1,250 yards (approximately 0.7 miles) downstream of Thurwachter Bridge south to the Pacific Ocean. Such persons must hold a valid State dog training permit, have written permission from the landowner and operate only during those months permitted by the State. [Ord. 3229 § 1, 1982; Ord. 3050, 1981; Ord. 2987, 1980; Ord. 1554, 1970; prior code § 8.25.030].

8.28.050 Discharge near buildings.

Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this chapter allowing the discharge of any firearms, it is unlawful for any private person other than the owner, person in possession of the premises, or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises to discharge any firearms, including shotguns, anywhere in the unincorporated area of the County within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith. [Ord. 2449, 1977; prior code § 8.25.035].

8.28.060 Violation—Penalty.

A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor and punishable as provided by this code. [Ord. 3620 § 4, 1985; Ord. 1201, 1966; Ord. 462, 1955; prior code § 8.25.040].

8.28.070 Discharging onto property of another without permission.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm in such a manner as to cause a projectile from that firearm to land on the property of another without the permission of the property owner. [Ord. 4004 § 1, 1989].

