

CHAPTER 22
CITY OF MAPLE LAKE

**ORDINANCE PROHIBITING HUNTING, DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS
AND USE OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS**

22.01 DEFINITIONS

1. **Hunting** - Hunting shall include, but not be limited to, the hunting, stalking, taking, capturing, shooting, or trapping of any animal or bird by any means.
2. **Firearms** - Firearms shall include, but not be limited to, shotguns, rifles, bows and arrows, slingshots, wrist rockets, air guns, pellet guns, B.B. guns, and handguns, regardless of the method of propulsion.
3. **Dangerous Weapons** - Dangerous Weapons shall include, but not be limited to, clubs, blackjacks, spring guns, brass or metal knuckles or any knife with a switch blade which opens automatically under spring pressure with a button or release mechanism or by any other mechanical contrivance.

22.02 PROHIBITION AGAINST HUNTING

No person shall engage in hunting within the City of Maple Lake.

22.03 PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

1. No person shall discharge a firearm or possess a firearm outdoors within the City of Maple Lake unless it is:
 - A: Dismantled, broken apart, or unstrung;
 - B: Unloaded and completely contained in a case; or
 - C: Unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.
2. No person shall fire, explode or set off any explosive instrument, substance, or material within the City of Maple Lake.

22.04 PROHIBITION AGAINST DANGEROUS WEAPONS

No person shall wear under their clothes, conceal about their person or within a motor vehicle, display in a threatening manner, or sell, offer for sale, or carry or use any dangerous weapon.

22.05 EXCEPTIONS

This Ordinance shall not apply to:

1. Law enforcement officers acting in the line of duty.
2. Actions authorized in writing by the City Council or Sheriff's Department.

3. Use of firearms on a rifle, trap, archery or target range established in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Use of firearms while participating in a Department of Natural Resources approved Firearms Safety Program.
5. Use of firearms to resist or prevent an offense which reasonably exposes a person to great bodily harm or death.
6. Use of firearms pursuant to a permit to possess and carry a handgun.
7. Destruction of animals or birds which are defined as vermin in the Nuisance Ordinance.
8. Hunting or use of firearms in an area zoned as a Farm Residential District (Agricultural) under the Zoning Ordinance.

22.06 **VIOLATION**

A violation of this Ordinance is a misdemeanor.