
COUNCIL POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge Florida 32955

Councilman Smith, Chair; Councilmembers Blake & Prosser

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion: Weapons Safety Ordinance
 - B. Discussion: Firebreaks
 - C. Presentation: Records Management System (New World Systems)
 - D. Discussion: Red Light Cameras
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WEAPONS SAFETY

1. **PURPOSE:** The use and transport of weapons of all types in the proximity of persons and property manifest a present danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City. The increased urbanization within the City makes it necessary to regulate the use and transportation of weapons within the City.

2. **EXCLUSION:** The following activities are excluded from this ordinance:

A. The regulation of firearms and ammunition has been preempted by the State of Florida pursuant to §790.33(1), Florida Statutes. This prohibits the City from enacting any regulation affecting firearms and ammunition. If for any reason should the regulation of firearms and ammunition enacted within Chapter 790, Florida Statutes, ceases to be law, then the version of said chapter, in effect at that time, is hereby adopted for a period of one (1) year.

B. The use of animals, such as falconry.

C. Any activities authorized by the City Manager, by its employees or agents, within the scope of their duties.

3. **DEFINITIONS:**

A. **Prohibited Activity:** the launching, propelling, or otherwise causing of any projectile from the User Property by the User, outside or over the property line of the User Property, in or on to other property, or properties.

B. **Projectile:** Any object which may cause physical harm or property damage when launched or propelled by any means.

C. **User property:** The property owned by the User, and/or property which User has the owner's permission, to utilize said property for the activity.

D. **User:** The person or persons who cause, by any means, a projectile to be launched, propelled or otherwise set in motion.

E. **Methods causing prohibited activity:** Any force set in motion which puts a projectile in motion. Such as, but not limited to:

- (1) Compressed gases, such as air, carbon dioxide, etc.;
- (2) Fluids under pressure;
- (3) Chemical reactions, such as rockets;
- (4) Mechanical force, such as bows and cross bows;
- (5) Human force, such as throwing knives, rocks and javelins.

4. **TRANSPORTATION:** All projectiles must be incapable being launched when transported onto or off of the User Property.

5. **VIOLATION:** It is a violation of this ordinance for a User to knowingly, willfully or negligently to:

A. Causing a projectile to cross the User's property line onto another property, or properties.

B. Transport of a projectile in a condition which might allow it to be set in motion either intentionally or negligently.

C. Causing a projectile to be activated while not on the User's property.

6. **HUNTING:** Hunting is allowed only in those areas designated by any state agency authorized to designate areas for hunting. The City Manager may authorize, at his discretion, hunting needed to insure public health or safety.

7. **PENALTY**: Any person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

8. **NO DEFENSE**: This ordinance may not be used by any person as a defense, or in any other fashion to defeat the applicability of, regarding a violation of any Federal or Florida Statutes, Brevard County or City of Rockledge Ordinances, case law or common law causes of action, for said persons intentional or negligent acts.