

CHAPTER 9. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND AIR RIFLES

9.01 Definitions of Firearms and Air Rifles:

9.01.01 “Firearm” means any device, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas; excluding, however;

A. Any pneumatic gun, spring gun, or B-B gun which expels a single globular projectile not exceeding .18 inch in diameter; and

B. Any device used exclusively for the firing of stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar industrial ammunition.

9.01.02 “Air Rifle” means and includes an air gun, air pistol, spring gun, spring pistol, B-B gun, pellet gun or any implement that is not a firearm which impels a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead or other hard materials with a force that reasonably is expected to cause bodily harm.

9.02 It shall hereafter be unlawful to any person to discharge any type of firearm or any type of air rifle within the corporate limits of the Village of Pesotum, Illinois.

9.03 It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to possess or carry any loaded firearm or air rifle on the public streets, sidewalks, roads, highways or public lands within the Village of Pesotum, Illinois.

9.04 This Ordinance shall not apply to the firing of air rifles conducted entirely within a residence or other private enclosure, and the prohibitions of this Ordinance are inapplicable to law enforcement personnel and to conduct occurring on the premises of the Illinois State Police or other law enforcement agencies.

9.05 Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a petty offense and be fined in a sum not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.