

ORDINANCE NO. 132

AN ORDINANCE, relating to public safety, regulating the use of air guns and providing penalties for violation.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. DEFINITION. As used in this ordinance, the words "Air Gun" herein shall mean and include the following:

Air gun, air pistol, air rifle, BB gun and toy guns of any kind or nature when so designed, contrived, modified and used to propel, by compressed air or spring loaded plunger, any pellet, dart, hard-tipped arrow, bean, pea, BB, rock or other hard substance a distance of more than twenty-five (25) feet with sufficient force to break windows or inflict injury upon persons or animals.

Section 2. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful:

(a) For any person under 16 years of age to carry or shoot any air gun within the City of Bellevue when not in the presence of his parent or other adult in loco parentis and under the direction and control of such adult.

(b) For any person to point or shoot an air gun at any person or property of another, or to aim or discharge such weapons in the direction of the person or residence of another, while within such range as to cause or inflict injury to the person or damage the property of another.

(c) For any parent or person in loco parentis to allow, give or permit the possession of any air gun, falling within the definition contained in Section 1, to any child under the age of 16 years, except under the provisions of sub-section (a) above.

(d) For any merchant to sell or rent any air guns to minors under 16 years of age, except when such minor is in the presence of his parent or other adult in charge of such child.

Section 3. The provisions of Section 2, (a) and (c) shall not apply:

(1) When such minor is possessing or using such weapons on a gun range operated or conducted by any school, educational institution or other regulated group, pursuant to rules and regulations provided by the Chief of Police or City Ordinance and licensed by the city, or

(2) When such minor is possessing or using such air gun within a regulated or supervised course or range provided by the City Park Department, under regulations or ordinances duly promulgated and adopted therefor, or

(3) When any such minor is carrying such weapon unloaded and otherwise properly dismantled, to and from such licensed or authorized course, or

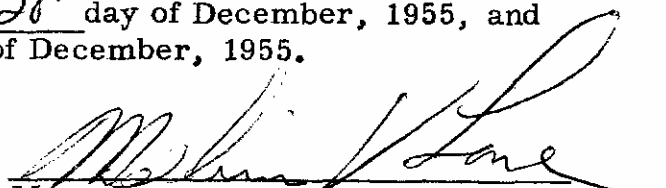
(4) When such minor has obtained a certificate of proficiency from the Chief of Police under rules and regulations promulgated by the Chief of Police to insure the safe handling of such toys or weapons by such minor, or when confined to an area within the property of the parents of such minor which complies with the regulations relating to private practice or target ranges as promulgated by the Chief of Police.

Provided further that the provisions of Section 2 (b) shall not prohibit the use of such weapons by a person over 16 years of age, when such use is reasonably necessary and represents reasonable force in the protection of the person or property of the user or another.

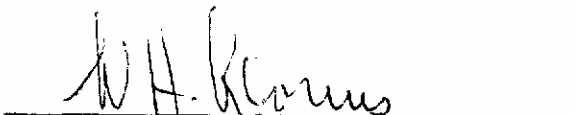
Section 4. Any person convicted of violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine in a sum not exceeding One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both, and the weapon so used in violation of the provisions hereof shall be confiscated by the court.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and legal publication.


PASSED by the City Council on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1955, and signed in authentication thereof this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1955.

  
Mayor

  
Councilman

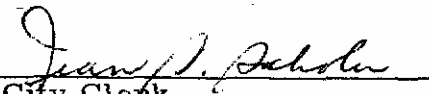
  
Councilman

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

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Attest:

  
City Clerk

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