

*Town of Tolland, CT  
Monday, December 16, 2024*

## Chapter 79. Firearms

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Tolland 3-9-2010. Amendments noted where applicable.]

### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

Discharge of firearms in parks — See Ch. **112**, § **112-5**.

### **STATE LAW REFERENCES**

Penalty for ordinance violations — See C.G.S. § 7-148(c)(10)(A).

Unlawful discharge of firearms — See C.G.S. § 53-203.

Hunting or discharge firearm from public highway — See C.G.S. § 53-204.

Carrying of dangerous weapons prohibited — See C.G.S. § 53-206.

### § 79-1. Discharge by minors.

No minor under 16 years of age shall discharge any firearm within the limits of the Town, unless such discharge shall be in the presence and under the supervision of an adult (18 years of age or older) or of the parent or legal guardian of such minor, or a qualified instructor.

### § 79-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

#### **FIREARM**

Any weapon that is designed to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive; or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.

### § 79-3. Discharge outdoors.

Unless otherwise permitted by law, no person shall discharge any firearm outdoors within 250 feet of any building or from or across any public road, street or highway situated anywhere in the Town, except as to buildings on his or her own land or on land used in conjunction with a military funeral, duly organized fish and game and/or gun club, or such discharge is with the written permission of the owners or occupants of all buildings within 250 feet. "Building" is defined as any building or commercial or municipal building.

### § 79-4. Discharge with consent of property owner.

A landowner may extend to others, by written consent, the right to use his or her property for hunting, target practice or other purposes requiring the use of firearms in accordance with § **79-3** above.

### § 79-5. Penalties for offenses.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter, or an adult or parent or legal guardian or qualified instructor permitting violation by a minor less than 16 years of age, shall be fined \$100. Each day such violation shall continue after notice to the owner may be deemed a separate offense.

## § 79-6. Exceptions.

This chapter shall not apply to any person who shall discharge any firearm in reasonable defense of his or her person or property or in the defense of others or in the performance of any legal duty or to put down an otherwise injured animal on his or her own property.