

Coventry Firearms Safety Committee

Public Comment Meeting

Date: September 18, 2025

Presented by:

Brian Murray, Chair

Ken Stein, Vice Chair

Committee Charge

Town Council put Committee together to study firearm use in Coventry

Made up of five volunteers who are

- Two Trained Firearm Instructors
- Two Members of the General Public
- One Member Planning and Zoning Commission (Chair)

Study firearms use in Coventry—not just ordinance drafting

- Do complaints about firearms near neighbors' homes exist, and do they cause friction or excessive police response time?
- Ensure safe firearm use in Coventry and understand any unsafe conditions
- Research firearm use in Coventry and surrounding towns

Note: Hunting regulations regulated by State of Connecticut DEEP still apply for all hunting activities in the Town of Coventry and no way in part of this charge.

Committee Approach

Review federal, state, and local firearm laws

Collect and analyze incident data from Coventry Police

Study regulations in:

- Towns: Newtown, Tolland, Avon, Cromwell, South Windsor
- Cities: Norwalk, Stratford, Middletown, Hartford

Consider solutions for identified issues

Gather public feedback



Draft Ordinance

- Draft ordinance created based on identified issues, reviewed by the Town Council Steering Committee with an extension for public comment and revisions
- Should establish clear guidelines for firearm use in Coventry, with the Coventry Police Department designated to address firearm related issues
- Ensure consistent responses and outcomes for residents and police when firearm discharge calls are dispatched

Timeline/Public Comment

