

## **Chapter 223. Firearms**

### **Section 223-1. Statement of Policy**

The Common Council declares that it is the public policy of the City of Kingston and the purpose of this chapter to promote the public health and safety and to protect the public by assuring at all times that firearms shall not be discharged within the city limits of said city.

### **Section 223-2. Definitions**

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

#### **City Limits**

The geographic boundary lines of the City of Kingston, New York

#### **Firearm**

Any rifle, shotgun or other weapon as defined in Section 265.00 of the Penal Law of the State of New York

### **Section 223-3. Discharge Restricted**

No person, other than in self-defense or in the discharge of official duties, shall willfully discharge any species of firearm within the city limits of the City of Kingston, New York.

### **Section 223-4. Exceptions**

a. In an indoor facility designed and constructed as a shooting range, pursuant to a site plan approved by the City of Kingston Planning Board and operated in compliance with the laws and regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Division of Safety and Health of the New York Department of Labor.

b. Any firearm or non-firearm (i.e. rifle or long gun), using blanks, discharged in any ceremonial function authorized or approved by the City of Kingston

### **Section 223-5. Penalties for Offenses**

Violation of this chapter shall be punishable as follows: a fine of not less than \$100.