

## ORDINANCE #18

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODINGTON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING SHOOTING/TARGET/SHOOTING RANGES IN CODINGTON COUNTY

**Amend Section II Definitions to include the following:**

**Target/Shooting Ranges** shall be defined as an area for the discharge of weapons for sport under controlled conditions where the objects of the shooting is an object such as, but not limited to, paper, metal or wooden targets.

**Amend Section IV Article 4.2 Agriculture Zone Special Exceptions Category by including the following use:**

#23. Target/Shooting Range here after referred to as the "Range"

**Amend Section V General Requirements to include the following new article:**

#### **5.19 Range Requirements**

##### **5.19.1 Definitions.**

1. Archery Ranges are included as Ranges.
2. Firearm means a gun that discharges shot. Bullet or other projectile by means of an explosive, gas, compressed air, or other propellant.
3. Range Officer means the person designated to be responsible at a Range at any given time during any activity.
4. A Range shall be defined as an area for the discharge of weapons for sport under controlled conditions where the object of the shooting is an inanimate object such as, but not limited to, paper, metal, or wooden targets. A Range Officer shall be present on site at any Range when the range is in use.

##### **5.19.2 Special Exception Permits.**

No Range shall be established within the Codington County without first obtaining a Special Exception Permit.

##### **5.19.3 General Regulations for All Ranges.**

No Special Exception Permit shall be approved for any Range unless all of the following conditions are met (unless specifically waived by the Board of Adjustment):

1. A safety plan shall be submitted along with the application. The plan, once approved, shall be posted in a prominent place at the site. Any changes to the safety plan shall be submitted to the County Board of Adjustment for approval. At a minimum the safety plan must state :
  - a. A method of identifying the Range Officer when the Range Officer is present at the site. Additionally, a permanent log identifying the Range Officer who is present when required at the facility must be maintained and available for inspection by the County or local law enforcement officers.
  - b. The authority of Range Officers to carry out the rules and regulations on the site and to enforce penalties.
  - c. The policy for the site for the use of alcohol.
  - d. Controlled substances are prohibited on the site.
  - e. Rules for the safe handling of weapons.
  - f. A building and grounds maintenance plan.
  - g. Administrative Rules to include regulations that normally govern range schedules, parking, guest policies, member/user responsibilities, hours, of operation, security, program development, range supervision and other items such as sign-in procedures.
  - h. Regulations on the type of weapon, shooting activity, caliber, shot size or type of target to ensure safety for range users and others.
  - i. The penalties that are in force for violations of the safety plan.
  - j. The method used to control trespass or unauthorized access to the range or preserve.
2. On an annual basis applicants must provide proof of insurance.
3. Applicants shall continuously keep the County (to be specified) informed as to the current names and telephone numbers of the officers of any organization having an interest in the Range. Any changes to the names or telephone numbers of the officers shall be reported to the County within thirty (30) days of the change.
4. All ranges must control entrance to their sites.
5. No alcohol licenses shall be granted to any site that has a Range.
6. Parking space for all members, owners or guests must be on-site and is not allowed on public streets or roads.

**5.19.4 Special Regulations for Ranges.** Applications for all Ranges, in addition to any other requirements of this Ordinance, must also show:

1. A survey delineating the layout of all individual Ranges.
2. Setbacks to all property lines.
3. Method of containing projectiles within each individual range (such as earthen berms or other method).
4. Methods to be employed to reduce noise, including impulse noise.
  - a. The maximum noise that may escape the range into areas not controlled by the owner is 125 dB
5. All Ranges shall be designed using the NRA Range Source Book as a guideline.

**5.19.5 Application Requirements.** Each application for a Range shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1. A description of specific activities to be conducted on-site.
2. The hours and days of operation.
3. The maximum number of people using the facility at any one time.
4. A plan, if applicable, for collecting and recycling used shot.
5. A delineation of any special events, if any.
6. A sewage, water and solid waste management plan.

**5.19.6 Area Regulations.**

1. Minimum Lot Size: Ten (10) acres
2. Minimum Front Yard: One hundred fifty (150) feet
3. Minimum Side Yard: Three hundred (300) feet
4. Back of the Range Setback: A minimum of one thousand (1000) feet from any buildings and/or roads.
5. Setback from Residences: One-quarter (1/4) mile to be measured from the firing line to the nearest residential dwelling.