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ORDINANCE NO. 3916

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.28.050 OF CHAPTER 9.28 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW LIMITED MODEL ROCKETRY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that Section 8.28.050 of Chapter 9.28 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

9.28.050 Discharging firearms.

It is unlawful for any person to discharge or shoot off any gun, pistol, rifle, air gun, carbon-dioxide gun, or any other firearm, or use for any purpose any such device for throwing or forcing through the air missiles or projectiles of any character whatever, within the limits of the city or in any public park belonging to the city. This section shall not apply to any duly authorized shooting gallery in the city, or to sheriffs and their deputies, or police officers of this city while engaged in the lawful conduct of their duties, or to any citizen discharging a firearm when lawfully defending his person or property. Exceptions to this section include the following:

- (a) This section shall not apply in the General Agricultural Zoning District, so long as the discharge is for the purpose of preventing depredation in accordance with state laws and regulations regarding depredation.
- (b) This section shall not apply to the discharge of a sport rocket containing the equivalent of total impulse motor type A, B, C, or D, assuming the discharge of such sport rocket is not performed in a negligent or careless manner. The discharge of any sport rocket containing the equivalent of a higher total impulse motor type is hereby prohibited. For purposes of this exception a "sport rocket" is defined as a reusable, lightweight, non-metallic flight vehicle that is propelled vertically by an electrically-ignited, commercially-made, nationally-certified, and non-explosive solid fuel rocket motor.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

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