

BY-LAW NO. 20-20

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Being a By-Law to regulate the use of firearms in the Rural Municipality of Springfield.

WHEREAS Subsection 232 (1) (j) of the Municipal Act being C.C.S.M. c. M225 SM 1996, c.58 empowers a Council to pass By-Laws for municipal purposes respecting the use of firearms;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and advisable that the Municipality regulate the discharge of firearms in the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Rural Municipality of Springfield enacts as follows:

1. That the Rural Municipality of Springfield By-Law with attached Schedule "A" hereto be adopted and be named Springfield Firearms By-Law.
2. That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be and are hereby authorized to do all things necessary to give force and effect to this By-Law.
3. That this By-Law shall take force and effect on the date of third reading of this By-Law.
4. In this By-Law:
 - a) "Municipality" means The Rural Municipality of Springfield;
 - b) "Council" means the Council of The Rural Municipality of Springfield;
 - c) "Firearm" means any barreled weapon from which any shot, bullet or any other missile can be discharged and includes any frame or receiver of such barreled weapons which can be adapted for use as a firearm, including but not limited to rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, air gun, crossbow and similar weapons;
 - d) "Person" includes a firm, corporation, unincorporated society, association or group;
 - e) "Hunting" means chasing, driving, flushing, attracting, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of, searching for, shooting at, stalking or lying in wait for wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently captured, killed, taken or wounded, but does not include trapping or such activity by an unarmed person solely for the purpose of watching or photographing wildlife;
 - f) "Shooting Range" also known as firing range or gun range means a specialized facility designed for firearms qualifications, training or practice. Does not include shooting gallery;

- g) "Shooting Gallery" means a recreational shooting facility with very low-powered guns, often located within amusement parks, arcades, carnivals or fairgrounds that provides games and entertainment for the visiting crowd.

5. Shooting Range

- a) The Owner and/or Applicant is responsible for complying with and / or carrying out the shooting range in accordance with any Federal, Provincial or Municipal legislation and regulations.
- b) No person shall operate a shooting range within the Municipality without having registered and provided an annual letter to the Municipality that the range is operational within that calendar year and therefore every registration shall terminate at the end of the year in which it is granted.

6. No hunting or use of firearms on municipal owned property.

7. Any person who is engaged in a normally accepted agricultural or horticultural business is authorized to discharge a firearm for the purpose of protecting livestock or crops from birds or animals as per the Wildlife Act C.C.S.M. c W130 and Migratory Birds Convention Act.

8. Any person may discharge a firearm in the humane destruction or slaughter of domestic livestock.

9. All persons are required to abide by the Wildlife Act C.C.S.M. c W130, Migratory Birds Convention Act, and all associated Regulations and Amendments, and the most current Manitoba Hunting Guide including all associated Regulations and requirements.

10. All persons must comply with all applicable Municipal, Provincial and Federal legislation governing the use of firearms.

11. The use of centrefire (high powered rifles) is prohibited within Game Hunting Area 34A within the RM of Springfield and is prohibited within 300 metres of any residence or occupied building within the Municipality.

12. The provisions of this By-law do not apply to authorized Law Enforcement personnel, and personnel employed or contracted by the Municipality, while in the performance of their duties when and where enforcement may be required in emergency circumstances.

13. Any person who contravenes, refuses, neglects, omits or fails to observe any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence.

- a) Where there is a specified penalty listed for an offence in Schedule "B" to this Bylaw, that amount is the specified penalty for the offence.
- b) Where there is a maximum penalty listed for an offence in Schedule "B" to this Bylaw, that amount is the maximum penalty for the offence.

14. The following restrictions on the use of firearms are imposed within the

following areas as per the Hunting Guide. Below is a general description of the game hunting areas as more specifically identified in the Hunting Guide. If there is a discrepancy the Hunting Guide shall prevail.

38: (Prohibited Zone) The City of Winnipeg and portions of the Municipality within (on the Westside and Southside) of PTH 101 and (on the Westside and Northside) PTH 100 (Perimeter Hwy).

34A: From the Red River Floodway, East to PR 302, and North from the GWWD rail line (Plan 2269) up to Boundary Road 72N and Garven Road 66N, West of PTH 12.

35A: East from P.T.H. 59 to P.R. 302, and South from the GWWD rail line (Plan 2269) to Prairie Grove Road 54N and Richland Road 54N (Municipality's Southern limits).

35: East from P.R. 302 to Forestry Road 48E (Municipality's Eastern limits), and South of Garven Road 66N (Municipality's Northern limits), to Richland Road 54N (Municipality's Southern limits).

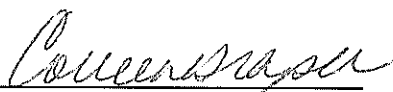
15. By-Law No. 97-03, and all associated amendments of, are hereby repealed upon final passage of this By-Law.

16. If any Section or parts of this Bylaw are found in any course of law to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such Section or parts shall be deemed to be severable and all other Sections or parts of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separate and independent there from and to be enacted as such.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Springfield, in Council duly assembled, in Oakbank, Manitoba, this 19th day of January, A.D. 2021.



Tiffany Fell
Mayor



Colleen Draper
Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 17th day of November, A.D. 2020.

Read a second time this 15th day of December, A.D. 2020.

Read a third time this 19th day of January, A.D. 2021.

Schedule "B" to Bylaw 20-20

Penalty Listing

SECTION	OFFENCE	SPECIFIED	MAXIMUM
6.	Hunting or use of firearms on Municipal owned property	500.00	1000.00
11.	Discharge firearm within prohibited area	500.00	1000.00
13.	Fail to comply with any provision of this By-law	500.00	1000.00