

## **MUNICIPALITY OF MIDDLESEX CENTRE**

### **BY-LAW NUMBER 2016-049**

#### **BEING A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT OR REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF GUNS AND OTHER FIREARMS, AIR-GUNS AND SPRING-GUNS, CROSS-BOWS OR LONG-BOWS**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 119 authorizes that a local municipality may, for the purpose of public safety, prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient and in the best interests of public safety to regulate the discharge of guns or other firearms in defined areas of the municipality;

**THEREFORE** the Council of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre enacts as a by-law as follows:

#### **1. Interpretation**

In this bylaw

- 1.1.1 "Council" means the Council of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre;
- 1.1.2 "Firearm" means any class or type of gun, spring gun, air gun, cross-bow or long-bow;
- 1.1.3 "Municipality" means the Municipality of Middlesex Centre;
- 1.1.4 "Officer" means:
  - i) any police officer,
  - ii) a By-law Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector or Chief Building Official as appointed by the Council of the Municipality;

#### **2. Prohibitions**

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any firearm within a restricted area, which shall include 300 metres along both sides of Longwoods Road, as set out in Schedule "A" attached to this By-law.

#### **3. Exemptions**

The following exemptions apply:

- 3.1 A farmer or his designate in the protection of his livestock, poultry or crops;
- 3.2 Archery classes for teaching purposes under the authority of a school board; and
- 3.3 Archery and/or cross-bow lessons, education or safety training provided within a building located at 2517 Gideon Drive, by an employee, director, agent or

contracted third-party of the business located at 2517 Gideon Drive, where no Federal Firearms Business Licence is required.

4. **Severability**

If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of a section of this by-law to be invalid, such section or part of a section shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of the by-law and it is hereby declared that the remainder of the by-law shall be valid and shall remain in force.

5. **Enforcement**

5.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act* and as set out in Schedule "B", Set Fines.

5.2 The provisions of this By-law shall be enforced by an Officer.

6. **Effective Date**

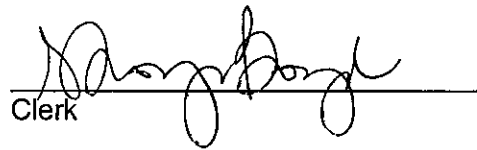
This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

7. **Repealed By-Laws**

By-law 2001-048 is hereby repealed.

**READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED** on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk

Municipality of Middlesex Centre  
By-Law No. 2016-049: Firearms By-law  
Part I Provincial Offences Act

Schedule "B"  
Part 1 – Provincial Offences Act – Set Fines

ITEM	COLUMN 1 Short Form Wording	COLUMN 2 Offence Creating Provision or Defining Offence	COLUMN 3 Set Fine
1.	Discharge of firearm in restricted area	Section 3.1	\$150.00

NOTE: The penalty provision(s) for the offence(s) indicated above is Section 6 of the By-law Number 2016-049, a certified copy of which by-law has been filed.

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SCHEDULE "A" RESTRICTED AREAS

