



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

BY-LAW NUMBER 019-2012

**A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS, GUNS OR ANY OTHER FIREARMS IN THE TOWN OF COBOURG.**

**WHEREAS** Section 119 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 provides that without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11, municipalities may for the purpose of public safety, prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns or other weapons, including: firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows or any other weapon;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg deems it necessary to regulate the discharge of such firearms for the safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg enacts as follows:

**INTERPRETATION**

**1.0 Definition(s)**

**“Guns or Firearms”** shall mean any barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death to a person or animal, and includes any frame or receiver of such a barrelled weapon and anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm. It includes a device that propels a projectile by means of any explosion, compressed gas or spring and includes, without limitation, a rifle, handgun or spring gun, knife, crossbow, longbow, air or pellet rifle or any other weapon.

**GENERAL**

**2.0** No person shall discharge any gun or other firearm in any place within the Municipality of the Town of Cobourg.

**EXEMPTIONS**

**3.0** Police Officers as defined under the *Police Services Act* and Provincial Offences Officers as defined under the *Provincial Offences Act* are exempt from the provisions of this By-law.

**PENALTY**

**4.0** Any person who contravenes any portion of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to such fines and other penalties as provided for under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33, as amended.

**REPEAL**

**5.0** By-laws No. 55-70 and 20-90 of the Town of Cobourg are hereby repealed.

5.1 All By-laws or parts of By-laws of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg relating to restrictions upon the use of firearms which are inconsistent with this By-law are repealed with the passing of this By-law.

**SEVERABILITY**

6.0 If any section or sections of this By-law or parts thereof are found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such section or sections or parts thereof shall be deemed to be severable and all other sections or parts of this By-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent there from and continue in full force and effect unless and until similarly found and this By-law shall be enacted as such.

READ a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council this 2nd day of April , 2012.

  
MAYOR

  
MUNICIPAL CLERK