

Rural Municipality of Pleasant Valley No. 288

The Discharge of Firearms Bylaw

BYLAW NO. 04-2022

A Bylaw to Prohibit the discharge of Firearms Within Certain Areas of the Municipality

The council of the Rural Municipality of Pleasant Valley No. 288 in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be referred to as the Firearms Bylaw.
2. For the purpose of this bylaw:
 - a. "Firearm" means a piston, revolver, rifle, shotgun or any other device or mechanism capable of firing or propelling bullets, pellets, darts, arrows, or any other thing;
 - b. "Range Backstop" means berms and other structures designed to capture fired bullets and other ammunition, and to reduce the risk of over shooting the active range area;
 - c. "Shooting Range" means a place that is designed or intended for the safe discharge of firearms on a regular and structured basis for the purpose of target shooting;
 - d. "Permanent Shooting Range" means a shooting range where targets and range backstops are not immediately removed following target shooting, and are left in place for periods of time;
 - e. "Hamlet Subdivision" means any area within the Rural Municipality of Pleasant Valley No. 288 which under the provisions of the Rural Municipality of Pleasant Valley No. 288 Zoning Bylaw is zoned H-Hamlet;
 - f. "Commercial or Industrial Subdivision" means any area within the Rural Municipality of Pleasant Valley No. 288 which under the provisions of the Rural Municipality of Pleasant Valley No. 288 Zoning Bylaw is zoned C1-Commercial or M1-Industrial.
3. No person shall discharge any firearm within a Hamlet Subdivision, Commercial Subdivision, or Industrial Subdivision, or within five hundred (500) metres from a property line within one of the above subdivisions.
4. No person shall discharge a firearm within five (500) metres from a residence within the Municipality.
5. In addition to Section 3 and 4, no person shall discharge any firearm within the Municipality except:
 - a. by a person on land which he or she owns, leases or rents, or a member of his/her family or any other person with his or her permission on the said land; or
 - b. by a person, who during open hunting season, holds a license to hunt wildlife as defined under *The Wildlife Act*, issued to him or her under *The Wildlife Act*; or
 - c. where Council has issued a permit to a recognized gun club or similar organization.
6. No person shall participate in target shooting in non-prohibited areas, unless targets are mounted on a minimum ½ inch thick plywood or comparable material, with a proper range backstop in place.
7. No person shall construct, operate, or assemble a permanent shooting range without permitted approval from the municipality and inspection and approval of the Chiefs Firearms Officer of Saskatchewan.

8. This bylaw does not apply to any person having authority under a statute of Canada or Saskatchewan to have in his possession a firearm when such firearm is discharged under the authority of his/her duty and within the scope of his/her duty.
9. Any person found guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be liable to the penalties contained in Schedule 1 of this Bylaw.
10. On enactment of this Firearms bylaw, all previous Firearms bylaws, are repealed.

COMING INTO FORCE:

This Bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.

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| Read a first time this | <u>11</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2022 |
| Read a second time this | <u>11</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2022 |
| Read a third time and passed this | <u>11</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2022 |

[SEAL]

Blake Jeffries, Reeve

Samantha Herring, Administrator

Read a third time and adopted
this **11th** day of **August, 2022**.

Administrator

SCHEDULE 1 TO BYLAW NO. 04-2022
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| OFFENCE | PENALTY |
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| Section 3 - Discharge a Firearm within a Hamlet, Commercial or Industrial Subdivision or within 500 metres of such subdivision | 1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence - \$1,000.00 fine 3rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00 |
| Section 4 – Discharge a Firearm within 500 metres from a residence within the Municipality | 1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence - \$1,000.00 fine 3rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00 |
| Section 5 (a) – Discharge a Firearm on land not owned/leased or rented without permission | 1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence - \$1,000.00 fine 3rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00 |
| Section 5 (b) – Discharge a Firearm during hunting season without a hunting license | 1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence - \$1,000.00 fine 3rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00 |
| Section 5 (c) – Discharge a Firearm without a gun club permit | 1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence - \$1,000.00 fine 3rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00 |
| Section 6 – Target Shooting without required target mounts and range backstop | 1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence - \$1,000.00 fine 3rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00 |
| Section 7 – Constructing, operating or assembling a permanent shooting range without the required approvals and permits | 1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence - \$1,000.00 fine 3rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00 |