

**BYLAW NO. 1523**  
**of the**  
**TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK**

**A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**THE TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK**  
**IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**  
**TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS**  
**WITHIN THE TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK**

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**WHEREAS** by virtue of the power conferred upon it by Sections 7(a)(b), Chapter M26.1, Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1994, and amendments thereto, the Council of the Town of Pincher Creek, in the Province of Alberta assembled, enacts as follows:

**SHORT TITLE**

1. This bylaw shall be known and may be cited as the “Weapons Control Bylaw” of the Town of Pincher Creek.

**DEFINITIONS**

2. In this bylaw, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - a) **‘WEAPON’** shall mean any device including a firearm that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of the aforementioned propellants.
  - b) **‘DISCHARGE’** shall mean the propulsion of a projectile from a weapon within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Pincher Creek.
  - c) **‘PROJECTILE’** shall mean any object projected by external force from a weapon.
  - d) **‘SHOOTING RANGE’** shall mean any land or premises used primarily for the discharge of weapons and which land or premises is created and operated in accordance with the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw of the Town of Pincher Creek, as amended from time to time, and all provincial and federal laws and regulations.
  - e) **‘BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’** shall mean the person appointed by Council as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Section 556.

**PROHIBITIONS**

3. A weapon shall not be discharged within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Pincher Creek except in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
4. A weapon shall not be discharged within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Pincher Creek unless such discharge occurs in accordance with one (1) or more of the following requirements:
  - a. A discharge made by a Police Officer, Special Constable, bylaw Officer, or a Fish and Wildlife Officer during the course of his duty.



- b. A discharge made on a shooting range.
  - c. A discharge by a Peace Officer of a tranquilizer gun in the course of his duty.
  - d. A discharge in accordance with a resolution passed by Council
    - (1) Pincher Creek Meat Processors, Resolution #02-147
  - e. A discharge made with the permission of the RCMP.
5. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue to that person a Violation Ticket, and seize weapons used in the offence, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Section 7(i)(i) in the amount as set out in Schedule A.
6. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine as set out in Schedule 'A' of this bylaw.
7. Schedule A, Offences and Penalties, can be amended by resolution of Council.
8. Bylaw #634 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
9. This bylaw shall come into force and effect on the date of the final reading thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9 DAY OF December, 2002, A.D.

  
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MAYOR, Art Bonertz


  
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CAO, Leo Ludwig


READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9 DAY OF December, 2002, A.D.

  
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READ A THIRD TIME THIS 9 DAY OF December, 2002, A.D.

  
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APPENDIX A  
OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

<u>OFFENCE</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>	<u>SECTION</u>
Discharge of a weapon within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Pincher Creek, other than as allowed by Section 4 herein	Not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$2,500	6

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