THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT BY-LAW NO. 2013-17

BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGEOF GUNS OR OTHER FIREARMS IN SPECIFIED AREAS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 11 (2) provides that a local municipality may pass by-laws respecting health, safety and well-being of persons:

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, S.O. 2011, c. 25, Section 119 provides 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;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this by-law:

Firearms - shall mean any gun, device or other firearm from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death to the person and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes an air or pellet gun, a longbow and crossbow and anything that can be adopted for use as a firearm.

- 2. No person shall discharge a firearm or any class or type thereof within or into the areas of the boundary of the settlements defined in the Township of Wilmot Official Plan including New Hamburg, Baden, New Dundee, Petersburg, Mannheim, St. Agatha, Sunfish Lake, Foxboro Green, Philipsburg, Haysville, Lisbon, Luxemburg, Shingletown and Wilmot Centre. The above noted settlement boundaries are particularly defined in Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this by-law.
- 3. No person shall possess a firearm in any facility, park, natural area or trail owned, managed or maintained by the Township of Wilmot.
- 4. Nothing in this by-law applies to prohibit the possession or discharge of a firearm by the following:
 - (a) a police officer while engaged in the performance of his/her duties;
 - (b) the Township's Animal Control Officer while engaged in the performance of his/her duties;
 - (c) Ministry of Natural Resources Officer while engaged in the performance of his/her duties;
 - (d) any authorized person discharging a firearm on lands owned or occupied by a properly authorized and licensed gun club or rifle or pistol or archery range.
 - (e) a person using archery equipment provided the same has a suitable backdrop and target points or other arrows used solely for target practices, on lands owned or legally occupied by that person or on lands upon which the aforesaid use has been authorized by the property owner or occupancy.
 - (f) a person using archery equipment for the purpose of bow fishing during the regulated season and providing the bow is equipped with a reel, fish arrow and line.
- 5. This by-law shall be enforced by a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, as appointed by the Township to enforce the by-laws of the Township under s. 15 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15 as amended, and/or the Waterloo Regional Police Service.

- 6. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law:
 - (a) is guilty of an offence, and;
 - (b) upon conviction therefor is liable to a fine or penalty of not more than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for each such offence and every such penalty shall be recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended,
- 7. This By-law may be cited as the Discharge of Firearms By-law.
- 8. Each and every one of the foregoing provisions of the by-law is severable and if any provisions of this by-law should, for any reason, be declared invalid by any court, it is the intention and desire of this Council that each and every one of the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 9. By-law Number 92-81 of the Township of Wilmot, and all by-laws amending or preceding the same and any other by-law inconsistent with the provisions of this by-law are hereby repealed on the date this by-law shall come into force and effect.
- 10. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date the fines set out in Schedule "B" are approved by the Regional Senior justice for the West Region.

READ a first and second time this 25 th day of March, 2013.
READ a third time and finally passed this 25 th day of March, 2013.

Mayor	
Clerk	



























