

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,  
TO CONTROL THE USE OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS WITHIN THE CORPORATE  
LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF TABER.

WHEREAS the provisions of Section 112 of The Municipal Government Act being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, and revisions thereto provides that Council may by By-Law promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and

WHEREAS the provisions of Section 156 of The Municipal Government Act being Chapter M-26 the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, and revisions thereto provides that the Council may by By-Law prohibit the discharge of guns or other firearms in the Municipality.

AND WHEREAS the intent of this By-Law is to provide a means of controlling weapons within the Town limits by an alternative means to those available under the Criminal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TABER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, enacts as follows:

I DEFINITIONS

- a) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Taber, in the Province of Alberta.
- b) "Farmstead" means an area that is remote and below average density, in which adjacent residents, industries are more than 500 feet away, or is assessed for farm purposes.
- c) "Firearms Permit" includes an application form and permit issued by the Police Chief in regards to weapons in a format approved by the Chief of Police.
- d) "Peace Officer" means a Police Officer, Police Constable, Bailiff Constable, or other person employed for the prevention of disorder and maintenance of the public peace.
- e) "Police Chief" means the Municipal Police Chief of the Town of Taber, in the Province of Alberta, and includes the Deputy Police Chief.
- f) "Weapon" means a B-B gun, Air Gun, Air Pistol, Pellet Gun, Crossbow, Bow and any other weapon or device that is designed or adapted to discharge a shot, pellet, or other missile dangerous to public health.

II APPLICATION

- a) All persons who purchase/acquire a weapon under the age of sixteen (16) years in the Town of Taber, in the Province of Alberta, shall obtain a Firearms Permit from the Chief of Police before its acquisition.
- b) No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall carry a weapon in the Town of Taber, in the Province of Alberta, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or any other person over the age of eighteen (18) years.

III EXCEPTIONS

- a) No person shall discharge a weapon in the Town of Taber, in the Province of Alberta, unless:
  - i) is in/on an approved facility that has been approved in writing by the Police Chief;
  - ii) is on a Farmstead in which a discharge of a weapon shall not likely project to adjacent properties.

IV SALE

No merchant, business, store or person shall sell pellets, B-B's, arrows, or other weapons to persons under the age of sixteen (16) years, without the presentation of a Firearms Permit issued by the Police Chief.

V

SEIZURE

Any Peace Officer who finds a person with a weapon who is in contravention of the provisions of this By-Law may in addition to initiating a charge, seize the weapon, and accessories, and shall either return same at a time deemed advisable to the Chief of Police or refer it to a Court of Competent jurisdiction to resolve its disposition.

VI

PENALTY

A person who contravenes a provision of this By-Law by doing something which he/she is prohibited from doing, or by failing to do something which he is required to do, or by doing something in a manner different from that in which he is required or permitted to do by this By-Law is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction of a fine of not more than FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS for a contravention of this By-Law or upon failure to pay the fine and the costs of this By-Law or upon failure to pay the fine and costs of imprisonment for a period of not more than THIRTY (30) days unless such fine and costs of committal are sooner paid.

VII This By-Law shall take force and effect upon the final reading thereof.

RES. 486/84 READ a first time this 24th day of SEPTEMBER 1984.

RES. 487/84 READ a second time this 24th day of SEPTEMBER 1984.

RES. 578 / READ a third time this and finally passed this 13th day  
84 of NOVEMBER 1984.



MAYOR



MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR