

San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances

DIVISION 3. FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES*

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SEC. **33.101**. NO SHOOTING NEAR HABITATION -- SHOOTING RANGES.

(a) Other than in defense of person it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm or device fired or discharged with explosives, at any place within the unincorporated territory of the County which is not a reasonably safe distance from all recreational areas, communities, roads or any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith.

(b) For purposes of this section, 150 yards or less is not a reasonably safe distance from any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith unless the person discharging the firearm or device is the owner, person in possession of the premises or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises.

(Amended by Ord. No. 7826 (N.S.), effective 11-22-90; amended by Ord. No. 7834 (N.S.), effective 11-20-90; amended by Ord. No. 7942 (N.S.), effective 8-22-91; amended by Ord. No. 10122 (N.S.), effective 3-10-11; amended by Ord. No. 10197 (N.S.), effective 2-24-12; amended by Ord. No. 10313 (N.S.), effective 2-6-14)

SEC. **33.101.1**. [RESERVED.]

(Sec. 33.101.1 added by Ord. No. 7826 (N.S.), effective 11-22-90 and repealed by Ord. No. 7834 (N.S.), effective 11-20-90)

SEC. **33.101.5**. NO SHOOTING -- PERIODS OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD.

(a) Other than in defense of person, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm or device fired or discharged with explosives during any period in which a "high fire hazard" has been declared by the California Department of Forestry. The prohibitions of this section shall commence upon the declaration of a "high fire hazard" by the California Department of Forestry and shall continue until noon of the day following the final day of the "high fire hazard" period as specified in said declaration. Information as to whether or not a "high fire hazard" has been declared shall be made available to the public from the Office of Disaster Preparedness.

(b) This section shall not be applicable to the following:

(1) Persons discharging firearms or devices on and pursuant to the safety regulations of a shooting range established and operated pursuant to a permit issued by the Sheriff.

(2) Persons discharging firearms or devices who are the owner, person in possession of the property upon which the firearms or devices are being discharged or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the property upon which the firearms or devices are being discharged provided that any areas in which any firearms or devices are being discharged or areas in which ammunition impacts occur are cleared in such a manner as to prevent igniting any brush or flammable materials.

(3) Persons involved in the legal pursuit of game.

(4) Persons discharging firearms or devices pursuant to a permit issued by the State of California pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 4181.

(5) Persons discharging firearms or devices in defense or for the protection of livestock, domesticated animals or property under circumstances in which Fish and Game Code section 4181 is not applicable.

(Sec. 33.101.5 added by Ord. No. 7826 (N.S.), effective 11-22-90, and repealed by Ord. No. 7834 (N.S.), effective 11-20-90; added by Ord. No. 7942 (N.S.), effective 8-22-91)

State law reference(s)--Permits, Fish and Game Code, § 4181.

SEC. 33.102. FIREARMS PROHIBITED ON TRAILS.

It is unlawful for any person to carry or possess or discharge any pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm or device fired or discharged with explosives on or from any portion of any riders' and hikers' trail within the County which is bounded on both sides by privately-owned real property, riders' and hikers' trail as used in this chapter refers to any trail established under Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code of the State of California.

SEC. 33.103. NO SHOOTING NEAR STOCK WATERING HOLES.

It shall be unlawful for any person in the unincorporated territory of the County to discharge any pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm or device fired or discharged with explosives within a radius of 1,500 feet of any established stock watering hole or place, whether unenclosed, or enclosed by fence belonging to, or occupied by, another, where signs forbidding trespass are displayed approximately 2,400 feet apart at a distance of approximately 1,500 feet from the watering hole or place, without having first obtained written permission from the owner of such land or the person in lawful possession of such land where said stock watering hole or place is located.

SEC. 33.104. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS PROHIBITED.

Other than in the defense of person or property, it shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, fire or discharge any pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm or device fired or discharged by explosives, or air gun or air rifle in any portion of the unincorporated territory of

the County within that portion of the County of San Diego described as follows: (All references to sections, townships and ranges are based on the San Bernardino Base and Meridian):

PARCEL N-1--FALLBROOK, OCEANSIDE, VISTA AREA

All of the unincorporated territory of the County of San Diego, State of California, lying within that portion of said County of San Diego described as follows:

That portion of said County of San Diego lying easterly of the easterly boundary line of Camp Joseph H. Pendleton Marine Corps Reservation, and lying southerly, westerly and northerly of the following described line: Beginning at a point on the easterly boundary of said Marine Corps Reservation, said point being 600 feet northerly of the intersection of the westerly prolongation of the center line of Dougherty Street in Fallbrook, with said easterly boundary the Marine Corps Reservation, thence easterly in a straight line parallel with and 600 feet northerly of the center line of Dougherty Street and its easterly extension of the center line of Dougherty Street its easterly extension to a point 600 feet northerly of the intersection of Santa Margarita Drive and Mission Road (County Road S-13); thence easterly along a line that is 600 feet northerly and parallel with Mission Road (County Road S-13); to a point that is 600 feet easterly of the northerly prolongation of the center line of Gird Road, said last described point being designated herein as "Point A"; thence southerly along a line that is 600 feet easterly and parallel with the center line of Gird Road to a point 600 feet southerly of the intersection of Gird Road and Reche Road; thence northwesterly along a line that is 600 feet southerly and parallel with the center line of Reche Road to a point that is 600 feet southeasterly of the intersection of Reche Road and Green Canyon Road; thence southerly along a line that is 600 feet easterly, northerly and southerly parallel with Green Canyon Road, Green Briar Circle and Green Canyon Road to an intersection with a line that is 600 feet southeasterly of and parallel to Green Canyon Road and Mission Road (County Road S-13); thence southerly along a line that is 600 feet easterly and parallel with Mission Road (County Road S-13) to a point that is 600 feet easterly of the intersection of Mission Road (County Road S-13) and California State Highway 76; thence southerly along a line that is 600 feet easterly and parallel with said State Highway 76 to a point that is 600 feet northerly of the intersection of said State Highway and North River Road; thence east in a straight line to a point that is 600 feet (measured along the center line of Old River Road) northerly of the intersection of Old River Road and Gopher Canyon Road; thence easterly and southerly along a line that is 600 feet northerly and parallel with the center of Gopher Canyon Road to a point 600 feet easterly of the intersection of Gopher Canyon Road and Ormsby Street; thence southwestly along a line that is 600 feet southeasterly and parallel with the centerline of Ormsby Street to a point that is 600 feet southeasterly of the intersection of Ormsby Street and East Vista Way (County Road S-13); thence southerly along a line that is 600 feet easterly and parallel with the center line of East Vista Way (County Road S-13); to an intersection with the easterly boundary of the City of Vista (as said city boundary existed on June 1, 1967); thence southerly and easterly along said city boundary to a point that is 600 feet north of the intersection of said city boundary and Foothill Drive and designated herein as "Point B"; thence southwestly in a straight line to the intersection of the southeasterly line of the aforementioned Marine Corps Base and the Pacific Ocean.

TOGETHER WITH:

All of the unincorporated territory of the County of San Diego, State of California, lying within that portion of said County of San Diego described as follows: