

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VANSCOY NO. 345

BYLAW No. 18-2021

The Discharge of Firearms Bylaw

A Bylaw to Prohibit the Discharge of Firearms Within Certain Areas of the RM

The council of the Rural Municipality of Vanscoy No. 345, 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 pistol, 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 Vanscoy No. 345 which under the provisions of the Rural Municipality of Vanscoy No. 345 Zoning Bylaw is zoned Hamlet.
 - f) "Commercial or Industrial Subdivision" means any area within the Rural Municipality of Vanscoy No. 345 which under the provisions of the Rural Municipality of Vanscoy No. 345 Zoning Bylaw is zoned C-Commercial or M-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 hundred (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. That Bylaw No. 3-1998 be hereby repealed.



COMING INTO FORCE

This Bylaw shall come into force the 24th day of November, 2021,

Read a first time this	24th day of November, 2021
Read a second time this	24th day of November, 2021
Read a third time and passed this	24th day of November, 2021





Reeve



Administrator

**SCHEDULE 1 to BYLAW No. 18/2021
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OFFENCE	PENALTY
Section 3 – Discharge a firearms within a Hamlet, Commercial, or Industrial Subdivision or within 500 metres of such subdivision	1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence – \$1,000 fine 3 rd & 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 fine 3 rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00
Section 5(a) – Discharge a firearm on land not owned/rented/leased without permission	1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence – \$1,000 fine 3 rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00
Section 5(b) – Discharge a firearm during a hunting season without a hunting licence	1st Offence - \$500.00 fine 2nd Offence – \$1,000 fine 3 rd & 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 fine 3 rd & 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 fine 3 rd & 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 fine 3 rd & Subsequent Offences - \$2,000.00


