

Chapter 702: SHOOTING RANGE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Barnstable 8-16-1988; revised May 2002, 1-7-2003, 6-24-2003 11-22-2005, 2-27-07, 12-11-07, 1-6-2009. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Noncriminal disposition — See Ch. 1, Art. I.

Conservation Commission property use violations — See Ch. 701.

§ 702-1. Location, use and management of range.

The Town of Barnstable Conservation Commission's goal is to provide a safe and affordable public shooting range, following best management practices. The range is open to residents and nonresidents for a fee and is located in the West Barnstable Conservation Area, off the Service Road. The range is managed by the Conservation Commission and policed and maintained by the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division.

§ 702-2. Rules and regulations.

The public shooting range in the West Barnstable conservation area is open for target shooting subject to the following rules and regulations:

- A. All persons utilizing the public shooting range at the West Barnstable Conservation Area shall possess a range permit issued in their name or be accompanied by a person possessing a range use permit. Permit holders may be accompanied by no more than three (3) guests. The permit holder shall be responsible for any such guest(s), and any rule violation shall be enforceable against the permit holder.
- B. The range use permit shall be displayed on the outer clothing of the permit holder.
- C. Issuance of permit.
 - (1) Permits are available at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division, 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA. The current Conservation Commission schedules of fees and hours of operation shall apply and are available separately.
 - (2) Individual permits will be issued only to those persons possessing a valid Massachusetts firearms identification card or Massachusetts license to carry firearms. Any exceptions shall require approval of the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division.
- D. Each person issued a range use permit shall also receive a gate key. Said key is nontransferable and shall not be duplicated. Permit/key holders shall be responsible for the security of the gate upon entering and exiting the range area.
- E. The use of shotguns is prohibited on the rifle and pistol ranges.
- F. The use of lead shot is prohibited on the shotgun range.
- G. Direction of fire shall be toward the target backstop only.

- H. No person shall possess or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverages or drugs, or discard any can, bottle or rubbish within the area of the shooting range. Persons found shooting at cans, bottles or rubbish shall be held responsible and may be charged and prosecuted for violations of this regulation.
- I. No person shall deface, molest or destroy any sign, yard marker or other structures.
- J. Only standard targets shall be used. All target materials, shells, etc., shall be removed from the area after use.
- K. Automatic weapons use (excepting that of the Barnstable Police Department) is prohibited on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

§ 702-3. Penalties: The Barnstable Conservation Commission may determine, based on severity of the violation, to use one or all of the following to discourage future violations:

- Violation of these regulations or related schedules (fees, hours of operation) as may be amended from time to time shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.
- Conservation staff or Natural Resource Officers may elect to enforce violations by using the non-criminal process established by MGL C. 40 § 21D.
- Violations may result in revocation of all range permits after a hearing by the Conservation Commission.

§ 702-4. Enforcement officers.

These rules and regulations are promulgated under MGL Chapter 40, § 8C, and shall be enforced by police officers, Natural Resource Officers and such other agents or officers as may be designated by the Conservation Commission.

§ 702-5. Periodic closing of range.

The range area may be closed periodically for maintenance and/or police firearms qualification.

§ 702-6. Disclaimer.

Persons using this range do so at their own risk and peril.

Revised: March 14, 2006

Feb. 27, 2007: delete permit fee detail/ set as separate schedule

Dec. 11, 2007: changes hours of operation, automatic weapons, institutional use

Jan. 06, 2009: delete use by other law enforcement agencies; delete hours of operation detail/ set as separate schedule; clarify guest limitations and exceptions