



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA  
FIREARMS BY-LAW 331-77**

(amended by By-law Number 296-80, 499-81, 62-92, 4-99)

**WHEREAS** by Section 354, Section 1, paragraph 30 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970, c. 284, as amended, authority is given to a Municipal Council to pass a by-law for prohibiting or regulating the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns and spring guns or any class or type thereof in the Municipality, or in any defined area or areas thereof.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga hereby ENACTS as follows:

1. For the purposes of this by-law:
  - (a) "Firearm" means any barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and that is capable of causing bodily injury or death to the person, and includes anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm, and for the purpose of this by-law includes a long bow, a crossbow and recurve bow.
  - (b) "Shooting Range" means any land with or without special equipment being used as of the date of the passing of this by-law for the bone fide discharging of firearms and which discharging would in the absence of this by-law be lawful.
2. No person shall discharge a firearm in the City of Mississauga.
3. This by-law does not apply to:
  - (a) a member of a police force, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, an authorized employee of the Humane Society, or any other person duly authorized to use a firearm, where such person discharges a firearm while acting in the course of his duty.
  - (b) a person who discharges a firearm upon a shooting range
  - (c) a person who has written authorization from Council under Section 4.
  - (d) The Manager of Animal Control for the Corporation of the City of Mississauga, Janet Michaud, Linda Dent or Debbie Kimbell, or any person authorized by the Commissioner of Corporate Services to carry out the duties of the Manager of Animal Control in the absence of the aforesaid Manager, while acting in the course of his duty. (296-80, 4-99)

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4. (1) Council shall authorize the discharge of firearms where such Discharge:
- (a) is part of a special event where the proceeds raised are to be used for bona fide charitable purposes; or
  - (b) where it is part of a recreation programme approved by the Recreation and Parks Department.
- (2) Council will not authorize the discharge of firearms under Subsection (1) unless a written request is received for such authorization and the request is accompanied by a statement setting out the measures to be undertaken by the applicant to ensure maximum public safety.
5. Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence. Pursuant to the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 33 upon conviction a person is liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, exclusive of costs. (499-81, 62-92)
6. (a) By-law Number 8792, enacted and passed by the Council of the former Town of Mississauga, is hereby repealed.
- (b) By-law Number 67-45, enacted and passed by the Council of the former Town of Streetsville, is hereby repealed.
- (c) By-law Number 74, enacted and passed by the Council of the former Town of Port Credit, is hereby repealed.
- (d) Any by-law, prohibiting or regulating the discharge of firearms that was enacted and passed by Council of the Town of Oakville for that part of the Town of Oakville that was annexed to the City of Mississauga and which part is more particularly described in Section 2 (1) (a) of the Regional Municipality of Peel Act 1973, S.O. 1973, c. 60, is hereby repealed insofar as it purports to apply to any part of the City of Mississauga.

ENACTED and PASSED this 13th day of June, 1977.

Signed: Ron Searle, MAYOR

Signed: Terence Julian, CLERK