

## Chapter 163

### WEAPONS

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Grottoes 2-3-1970 as Title 31 of the 1970 Ordinances of the Town of Grottoes. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **§ 163-1. Carrying concealed weapons prohibited; exceptions.**

- A. If any person carries about his or her person, hidden from common observation, any pistol, dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, razor, slingshot, metal knucks or any weapon of like kind he or she shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined as provided in § 163-6, and such pistol, dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, razor, slingshot, metal knucks or weapon of like kind shall, by order of the court, be forfeited to the Town and may be seized by an officer as forfeited and such as may be needed for police officers and conservators of the peace shall be devoted to that purpose, and the remainder shall be destroyed by the officer having them in charge. [Amended 7-8-1996]
- B. This section shall not apply to any police officers, sergeants, sheriffs, officers or guards of the penitentiary or other institutions or camps of the state corrections system, conservators of the peace other than notaries public or carriers of the United States mail in the rural districts or to any collecting officer while in the discharge of his or her official duty. No person shall be punishable under this section who has been granted permission to carry concealed weapons in accordance with state law.

#### **§ 163-2. Sale to minors.** [Amended 7-8-1996]

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, barter, give or furnish or cause to be sold, bartered, given or furnished to any minor under 18 years of age any pistol, dirk, bowie knife, blackjack, metal knucks, teargas, pin or gun or other weapon of like kind having good cause to believe him or her to be a minor under 18 years of age. Each violation of this section shall be punished by a fine as provided in § 163-6.

#### **§ 163-3. Selling or giving toy firearms restricted.**

- A. No person shall sell, barter, exchange, furnish or dispose of by a purchase, gift or in any other manner any toy gun, pistol, rifle or other toy firearm, if the same shall, by means of powder or other explosive, discharge blank or ball charges. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined as provided in § 163-6. Each sale of any of the articles hereinbefore specified to any person shall constitute a separate offense. [Amended 7-8-1996]
- B. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the sale of what are commonly known as "cap pistols."

**§ 163-4. Discharge of firearms.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within the Town; provided, however, that any citizen may, upon permission of the Chief of Police, shoot at rats or other noxious animals upon his or her premises. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the discharge of firearms by any duly constituted officer or member of a military company or a person at a shooting gallery.

**§ 163-5. Discharge of airguns or Bows prohibited.**

No person shall anywhere within the Town, discharge any arrow, shot, stone, gravel, bullet or any similar thing from any airgun, bow, gravel shooter or other similar instrument.

**§ 163-6. Violations and penalties.** [Added 7-8-1996]

Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, with penalties as provided in § 1-7, General penalty, of Chapter 1, General Provisions.