

# ORDINANCES AND STATE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT CODE OF ORDINANCES

### **Section 12-71. Purpose of article.**

The purpose of this article is to regulate or prohibit noise which either annoys, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, or safety of others unless the making and continuing of the noise is necessary for the protection or preservation of property or the health, safety, life or limb of a person.

(Ord. No. 83, § 6-07.01, 7-17-1990)

### **Section 12-72. Definitions. (EXCERPT)**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Noise* means any sound which annoys or disturbs or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.

Noise disturbance means any sound which:

- (1) Endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals;
- (2) Annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities; and
- (3) Endangers or injures personal or real property.

*Person* means any individual, association, partnership, or corporation and includes any officer, employee, department, agency, or instrumentality of a state or any political subdivision of a state.

*Public right-of-way* means any street, avenue, boulevard, highway, sidewalk or alley.

*Real property boundary* means the property line along the ground surface, and its vertical extension, which separates the real property owned by one person from that owned by another.

(Ord. No. 83, § 6-07.02, 7-17-1990)

### **Section 12-73. Prohibited generally.**

In addition to the specific prohibitions outlined in this article, no person shall unreasonably make, continue, or cause to be made, continued, or permitted, any noise disturbance. The restriction in this article does not prohibit speech of any kind. This article shall not apply to noncommercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted on any public space or public right-of-way for which permission has been obtained.

(Ord. No. 83, § 6-07.03, 7-17-1990)

### **Section 12-74. Specific prohibitions. (EXCERPT)**

The following acts, and the causing or permitting thereof, are hereby declared to be in violation of this article:

(2) Explosives, firearms, and similar devices. The use or firing of any explosives, firearms, or similar devices which creates impulsive sound so as to cause a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right-of-way without first obtaining a permit.

(Ord. No. 83, § 6-07.04, 7-17-1990)

**NOISE COMPLAINTS: DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, CALL (810) 385-4489  
AFTER HOURS/HOLIDAYS/WEEKENDS, PLEASE CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE NON-EMERGENCY LINE AT (810) 985-8115**

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## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### **Safety Zones around Buildings:**

Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, or any barn or other building used in a farm operation. No person, including archery and crossbow hunters, may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow, or bow in a safety zone, or shoot at any wild animal or wild bird within a safety zone, without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone. The safety zone applies to hunting only. It does not apply to indoor or outdoor shooting ranges, target shooting, law enforcement activities or the discharge of firearms, crossbows or bows for any non-hunting purpose.

For more information on DNR rules and regulations, and for contact info, please visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

**SPECIFIC PROHIBITION OF HUNTING AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS**

**Charter Township of Fort Gratiot Code of Ordinances**

**Section 22-61. Hunting or discharge of firearm.**

(a) Prohibited acts. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or to discharge a firearm in Section 30 of the township, bordered by Campbell Road to the west, the Black River to the south, State Road to the east, and Krafft Road to the north in the county.

(b) Exception. Any prohibition against the discharge of firearms made under the authority of this section does not apply to peace officers or members of any branch of the armed forces in the discharge of their proper duties. The state department of natural resources may authorize the use of firearms to prevent or control the deprecations of birds or animals in situations where significant damages are being caused by wildlife.

(c) Enforcement. State, county, and local law enforcement officers shall enforce the provisions of this section.

(Ord. No. 162, §§ 6-11.01--6-11.03, 3-7-2001)

State law references: Hunting area control, MCL 324.41902; firearms and weapons, MCL 750.222 et seq.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT  
NO HUNTING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS BOUNDARY  
Krafft Rd-south/State Rd-west/Campbell Rd-east/North River Rd-north & south  
Interior roads - all addresses**

