

TOWN OF VASSALBORO

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE USE OF EXPLODING TARGETS

PURPOSE: To promote the public safety and welfare of the Inhabitants of the Town of Vassalboro by regulating the use of exploding targets within the Town.

DEFINITIONS:

1. Exploding Target: Any device which explodes upon impact by a projectile fired from a firearm such as, but not limited to, binary exploding targets (made of separately packaged “fuel” and “oxidizer” that must be mixed to make the explosive device “live” (such as the targets marketed under the name of Tannerite, Star and Sure-shot).

2. Detonate: To explode with violence and/or noise.

ACTIONS PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful for any person within the limits of the Town of Vassalboro to detonate an exploding target (as defined above), or for the owner of the property on which the exploding target is located to allow any person to detonate an exploding target (as defined above), within 500 yards of a dwelling or any other occupied building or structure without having first received the prior written consent of the owner or occupants of such dwelling or occupied building or structure.

It shall also be unlawful for any person, under any circumstances, to detonate an exploding target containing more than one pound of explosive mixture.

PENALTY:

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 shall be imposed for a first violation of the prohibition set forth in this ordinance, and a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be imposed for any subsequent violation of the prohibition set forth in this ordinance.

2. Each detonation of an exploding target may be considered a separate violation even if the detonations are all part of one target session. In the event a session includes a person’s first violation, the civil penalty for any subsequent violation in that session shall also be in the amount of \$500.00.

3. In the event an action in District Court is authorized to enforce this ordinance, and the Town is the prevailing party, the violator shall also be responsible for the attorney fees and costs incurred by the Town in bringing such action.

ENFORCEMENT: The Code Enforcement Officer, or any law enforcement officer, may enforce this Ordinance. The municipal officers may also authorize the Code Enforcement Officer, or other municipal official, to institute any and all actions and proceedings, either legal or equitable (including injunctions) in District Court to enforce the provisions of this ordinance; and to take whatever other actions are necessary to collect any judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the legislative body of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine.