

# Chapter 67. Discharge of Firearms Near Schools<sup>1</sup>

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### **67.001 Definitions**

- (a) "Firearm" means any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use.
- (b) "Regulated lot" means a lot that is:
  - (1) within 200 yards of a school;
  - (2) ten acres or smaller as reflected by the records of the Travis Central Appraisal District; and
  - (3) in a subdivision for which Chapter 232, Local Government Code, requires a plat to be prepared and filed.
- (c) "School" means a private or public elementary or secondary school.

### **67.002 Prohibition**

The discharge of a firearm is prohibited on a regulated lot in an unincorporated area.

### **67.003 Exceptions**

- (a) The prohibition in 67.002 does not apply to the discharge of a firearm:
  - (1) at a business establishment that operates an area for the discharge or other use of firearms for silhouette, skeet, trap, black powder, target, self-defense, or similar recreational shooting, if the area is in existence before:
    - (A) the effective date of this order; or
    - (B) a school locates within 200 yards of the lot on which the area is located;
  - (2) if reasonably necessary to protect one's self, other persons, or property, from imminent harm, in accordance with state law;
  - (3) to shoot an animal reasonably believed to present, under the circumstances, the possibility of danger to a person;

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- (4) using blank cartridges for a salute at a military memorial, funeral, or other similar ceremony; or
  - (5) if the governing body or official of the school gave express prior consent for the discharge.
- (b) This chapter does not prohibit or restrict the transfer, ownership, possession, manufacture, maintenance, repair, or transportation of firearms.