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ORDINANCE NO. 497

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS, CHAPTER 166- FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES BY ADDING §166.1.1 EXCEPTIONS ALLOWING FOR BLANK AMMUNITION FIRING OF HISTORIC WEAPONS THAT ARE A PART OF A PLANNED EDUCATIONAL DEMONSTRATION OR INTERPRETATION OF AN HISTORIC OR HERITAGE CELEBRATION, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THE FINE FOR A VIOLATION.

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of St. Michaels (the “Commissioners”) are authorized by MD Code Ann., Local Gov’t §5-202 to enact such ordinances as it deems necessary to assure the good government of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of St. Michaels, Maryland (the “Code”) in its entirety was adopted by the Commissioners on June 8, 2006 and became effective on June 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Michaels enjoys a vibrant community, preserving the strong historic character, and values that help protect the quality of life upon which St. Michaels citizens rely;

WHEREAS, as a part of the Town’s rich historic heritage, the Town maintains two 1812 era cannons in working order, in Muskrat Park that are used for demonstrations of historic weapons; and

WHEREAS, visitors and residents alike enjoy educational demonstrations and interpretation on the use of historic weapons; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the Town’s cultural heritage, the Commissioners believe it in the best interest of the citizens of the Town to allow blank ammunition firing of historic weapons that are a part of a planned educational demonstration or interpretation of an historic or heritage celebration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS that Chapter 166 (Firearms and Explosives) of the Code of the Town of St. Michaels is hereby amended as follows, with new language shown in *italics* and underlined and deleted language shown in parenthesis and with a ~~strikethrough~~.

SECTION 1.

§ 166-1. Discharge prohibited. [Amended 6-7-2006 by Ord. No. 337]
It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, fire or discharge any gun, pistol, air gun, or firearm of any description; any squib, rocket, cracker or mixture of gunpowder; any dynamite or any explosive whatsoever within the corporate limits of the Town of St. Michaels except as permitted in the Agriculture Zone as more fully described in Chapter 197, Hunting.

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§166.1.1 Exceptions-

Blank ammunition firing of historic weapons that are a part of a planned educational demonstration or interpretation of an historic or heritage celebration. Said demonstration program requires written permission in advance from the St. Michaels Chief of Police. Said Blank Ammunition Firing Demonstrations shall conform to "Maryland Park Service Standards for Historic Weapons Use" blank ammunition regulations.

Definition- Blank Ammunition Firing- is a type of firearm cartridge that contains gunpowder but no projectile (e.g. **bullet** or shot), and instead use paper or plastic wadding to seal the propellant into the casing.

§ 166-2. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, on conviction therefor, be fined not more than ~~\$50~~ \$1,000 together with the costs of prosecution.

SECTION 2.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its enactment, having been read at two (2) meetings of The Commissioners of St. Michaels and having been passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels.

HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED, read for the first time and ordered posted on the Town bulletin board at the Public Meeting of The Commissioners of St. Michaels held on the 12 day of Sept, 2018, at 6 o'clock P.m., in the meeting room at the Town Office, St. Michaels, Maryland.

 (SEAL)
JEAN R. WEISMAN
Town Clerk/Manager

HAVING BEEN READ for the second time and passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels at a Public Meeting of The Commissioners of St. Michaels held on this 10 day of Oct, 2018, at 6 o'clock P.m., in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Building (Town Office), St. Michaels, Maryland.

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BIBB	-	<u>yea</u>
BOOS	-	<u>yea</u>
GORMAN	-	<u>yea</u>
HARROD	-	<u>yea</u>
WINDON	-	<u>yea</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Ordinance No. 497 was passed by a yea and nay vote of
The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 10 day of Oct, 2018.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS

Jean R. Weisman
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Town Clerk/Manager

W E Boos (Seal)
William E. Boos, President