



## ORDINANCE NO. 28321

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public safety; amending Chapter 8.66 of the Tacoma  
2 Municipal Code by amending Sections 8.66.120, 8.66.130, and 8.66.140  
3 thereof to permit the possession of air guns, air rifles, B-B guns, and  
4 slingshots, while preserving the misdemeanor offense of discharging or  
5 shooting such items in the City; and allow for a limited exception for the  
6 discharge of air guns, air rifles, and B-B guns for recreational purposes in an  
7 indoor, licensed business facility.

8 WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) 8.66.120 prohibits, with no  
9 exceptions, the carrying, shooting, or discharging of any air gun, air rifle, B-B gun,  
10 or slingshot in the City of Tacoma, and any person engaging in said conduct is  
11 guilty of a misdemeanor offense, and

12 WHEREAS TMC 8.66.130 provides that a parent or guardian of a child under  
13 the age of 18 years who knowingly permits such child to engage in conduct  
14 prohibited in TMC 8.66.120 is also guilty of a misdemeanor offense, and

15 WHEREAS staff desires to eliminate the criminal penalty for merely  
16 possessing an air gun, air rifle, B-B gun, or slingshot, and

17 WHEREAS staff further desires to allow a limited exception to TMC 8.66.120  
18 for the purpose of allowing the shooting or discharging of an air gun, air rifle, or  
19 B-B gun for recreational purposes in an indoor, licensed business facility, and

20 WHEREAS the proposed TMC amendments will (1) permit the possession  
21 of air guns, air rifles, B-B guns, and slingshots, while preserving the misdemeanor  
22 offense of discharging or shooting such items in the City; and (2) create a limited  
23 exception for shooting or discharging any air gun, air rifle, or B-B gun for  
24 recreational purposes in an indoor, licensed business facility, so long as such use  
25 does not endanger persons or property, or create a public or private nuisance, and  
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WHEREAS the proposed amendments will allow for the issuance of a  
business license for recreational air gun use in such facilities, and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments were presented to the Public Safety,  
Human Services, and Education (“PSHSE”) Committee on March 26, June 11, and  
August 27, 2015, and the PSHSE Committee recommended the proposed  
amendments for consideration by the City Council; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That Chapter 8.66 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending  
Sections 8.66.120, 8.66.130, and 8.66.140 thereof, as set forth in the attached  
Exhibit “A.”

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
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Assistant City Attorney



**EXHIBIT "A"**

**Chapter 8.66  
WEAPONS**

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Sections:

8.66.010 Definitions.

8.66.020 *Repealed.*

8.66.030 *Repealed.*

8.66.040 *Repealed.*

8.66.050 *Repealed.*

8.66.060 *Repealed.*

8.66.070 *Repealed.*

8.66.080 Unlawful use of weapons.

8.66.090 Exemptions – Dangerous knives.

8.66.100 *Repealed.*

8.66.110 *Repealed.*

8.66.120 Discharging Aair guns and slingshots prohibited – Exception.

8.66.130 Air guns and slingshots – Parents permitting use.

8.66.140 Air guns and slingshots – Confiscation.

8.66.150 Violation – Penalty.

8.66.160 *Repealed.*

8.66.170 *Repealed.*

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**8.66.120 Discharging Aair guns and slingshots prohibited – Exception.**

It is unlawful for any person ~~to carry or~~ to shoot or discharge any air gun, air rifle, B-B gun, or slingshot in the City of Tacoma, except that a person may shoot or discharge any air gun, air rifle, or B-B gun for recreational purposes in a licensed indoor business facility designed and operated for such purposes, where the shooting or discharging will not endanger any person or property or create a nuisance for the public or any adjacent property owner.

**8.66.130 Air guns and slingshots – Parents permitting use.**

It is unlawful for the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 18 years to knowingly permit such child to ~~carry or~~ discharge any air gun, air rifle, B-B gun, or slingshot in the City of Tacoma, except as provided in Section 8.66.120.

**8.66.140 Air guns and slingshots – Confiscation.**

Whenever any person shall be convicted of violating any of the provisions of Section 8.66.120 of this chapter, the air gun, air rifle, B-B gun, or slingshot so ~~carried or~~ discharged shall be confiscated and ordered destroyed by the Municipal Court of the City of Tacoma.