

Clearwater Firearms Ordinance (Hypothetical)

Article I. Possession of Firearms

Section A

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or maintain in any vehicle or about his or her person any rifle, shotgun, or other firearm except when on his or her property or in his or her residence or fixed place of business.

Exceptions

This section shall not apply to:

1. Duty-related firearms of federal, state or local law enforcement personnel, members of the armed services, National Guard, corrections officers or licensed security agents during the performance of their official duties or when commuting between their homes and places of employment.
2. Members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while such members are using their firearms on such target ranges.
3. Licensed hunters or fishermen while engaged in hunting or fishing.
4. Transportation of weapons broken down in a nonfunctioning state.

Article I. Registration

Section B

All firearms in the City of Clearwater shall be registered. It shall be the duty of a person owning or possessing a firearm to cause such firearm to be registered.

- a) No registration shall be issued for any of the following types of firearms.
 - (1) Sawed-off shotguns, machine guns or short-barreled rifles.
 - (2) Handguns, except those that are validly registered to a current owner in the City of Clearwater prior to the adoption of this ordinance. These handguns must have a safety mechanism to hinder the use of the handgun by unauthorized users. Such devices shall include, but shall not be limited to, trigger locks or combination handle locks.
- b) No registration certificate shall be issued to any person unless such person:
 - (1) Shall possess a valid Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card.
 - (2) Has not been convicted of a crime of violence or weapons offense.
- c) Additional duties of registrants are:
 - (1) Each registrant must immediately notify the Clearwater Police Department by completing the proper form when a registered firearm is sold, lost, stolen or destroyed.
 - (2) Each registrant shall keep any firearm in his possession unloaded and disassembled or bound by trigger lock or similar device, unless such firearm is in his possession at his place of residence or business

Section C

No person shall possess ammunition in the City of Clearwater unless he is the holder of a valid firearm registration for the same gauge or caliber as the ammunition possessed.

* Based on Chapter 8-20, "Weapons," of the Municipal Code of Chicago (current as of June 11, 2008), accessible at: [http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicago_il/municipalcodeofchicago?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:chicago_il](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicago_il/municipalcodeofchicago?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:chicago_il)