

Sec. 16-37. Discharge of high-powered rifles prohibited.

- (a) *Prohibition; exceptions.* No person shall discharge at any location in the county any rifle of a caliber larger than .22 rimfire, except for the following:
- (1) Law enforcement officers, animal wardens and game wardens in the line of duty;
 - (2) Military personnel in the line of duty;
 - (3) Persons discharging a rifle on firing ranges operating in conformance with the county's zoning regulations;
 - (4) Persons discharging a rifle in conjunction with and as authorized by a permit to hunt to control the deer population pursuant to Code of Virginia section 29.1-529; and
 - (5) Persons discharging a rifle in lawful defense of property or persons or to kill a dangerous or destructive animal.
- (b) *Penalty for violation.* Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.