

Ordinance No. 2016-03-01

**An Ordinance
Amending the Camden County
Code of Ordinances**

Camden County, North Carolina

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS as follows:

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 151 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances of Camden County, North Carolina, which was originally adopted by the County Commissioners on December 15, 1997, and subsequently amended and as otherwise incorporated into the Camden County Code.

Article II. Construction

For purposes of this Ordinance, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Ordinance language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. New language of proposed ordinance shall be shown in italics (*italics*) and underlined.

Article III. Amend Chapter 151 as amended of the Camden County Code which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 151: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT

§ 151.334 TABLE OF PERMISSIBLE USES.

USE#	DESCRIPTION	R-1	R-2	R-3	CCD	NCD	HC	MC	GUD	I-1	I-2
6.310	Outdoor Firing Range – Law Enforcemenet Only Subject to §151.347(S M)								S <u>Z</u>	S <u>Z</u>	S- <u>Z</u>

§ 151.347 SPECIFIC STANDARDS

(N) Outdoor Firing Range – Law Enforcement Only

- (1) Outdoor law enforcement shooting ranges shall be located on a site or parcel with area of at least ten acres.
- (2) No part of a shooting range shall be located within 200 feet of any property line and less than 2,000 feet from any residential dwelling or school (as measured from the firing line in the direction of the line of fire).
- (3) Shooting range facilities shall be constructed, at a minimum to include the following protective barriers:
 - (a) Backstops with a minimum height of twenty (20) feet.
 - (b) Side berms or walls with a minimum height of eight (8) feet.
 - (c) Firing line covers of overhead safety baffles for rifle fire only.
- (4) Range shall be enclosed by a six (6) foot fence with a lockable gate at the entrance.
- (5) Weapons types are restricted to pistol, rifle, or shotgun. The use of explosives or any target that detonates is prohibited.
- (6) Hours of operations shall be 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The discharge of weapons or shooting activities shall not occur on Friday through Sunday.
- (7) Range shall be utilized by duly sworn law enforcement personnel only.
- (8) No individuals under the age of 18 are permitted on the range during any practice or qualification of firearms unless such individual is participating in a Camden County School approved function, properly supervised by Camden County law enforcement personnel.
- (9) No Trespassing Signs shall be posted along range fence lines every 150 feet.
- (10) The operators of the shooting range shall provide proof of accident and liability insurance coverage. A minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per individual and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate shall be maintained.

(11) An approved use permit for the outdoor shooting range shall be inspected annually.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Camden this day of April, 2016.

County of Camden

P. Michael McLain, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

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Please Respond To:
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Dear Dan,

Re: Proposed Law Enforcement Shooting Range Ordinance

Thank you for the above email. I read with interest your proposed draft. Although it is your usual good work, if I may, I would like to offer some suggestions.

In paragraph 3 I believe the introductory sentence might be more clearly stated as:
Shooting Range Facilities shall be constructed, at a minimum to include, the following protective barriers:

In paragraph 8 rather than using the word children I suggest "individual". Also, it appears the word "are" might be properly inserted. Note, I had inserted a phrase on supervision. My proposal would thus read:

No individuals under the age of 18 are permitted on the range during any practice or qualification of fire arms unless such individual is participating in a Camden County School approved function, properly supervised by the school or its agent.

The liability insurance seems somewhat modest. Also, it is not clear as to whether the \$500,000 coverage would be per individual or in the aggregate. I respectfully suggest you might wish to consider clarifying this. Normally, I see \$1,000,000 coverage per individual and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. However, I leave that to your discretion and the Commissioners.

Thank you for allowing my participation. I am copying the sheriff in for his review as well.

Warmest Personal Regards,
John S. Morrison