



**CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG  
FIREARMS DISCHARGE PERMIT (for Hunting)**



1. Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Applicant address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Applicant email address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Location of discharge activity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Permit period: July 1, \_\_\_\_\_ thru June 30, \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit rules and regulations:**

In addition to the Code of Virginia and Virginia Administrative Code as promulgated by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the following special rules and regulations apply:

1. Fredericksburg City Code, include specific sections on reverse side of this permit.

2. No rifles or pistols larger than .22 rimfire.

3. Possession of a loaded muzzleloading firearm, or a shotgun loaded with slugs shall be unlawful unless the hunter is in a stand elevated a minimum of 10 feet above the ground. For the purposes of this section, muzzleloading firearms are considered "unloaded" when all powder had been removed from the flashpan or the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple, or batteries removed from electronic ignition muzzleloaders.

4. No discharge of firearms across or within 100 yards of any building dwelling, street, sidewalk, alley, roadway, public land, or public space.

FEE: \$10.00

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 54-7, "Hunting; use of firearms generally,"

- (a) *The discharge of a firearm is prohibited within the City limits.*
- (b) *This prohibition shall not apply to:*
  - a. *any person hunting within the City limits in compliance with Virginia laws and regulations, with the permission of the property owner, in possession of a permit issued for the activity by the City Manager or his designee, and in compliance with the terms of City Code §54-7.1 and the permit;*
  - b. *any law-enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties nor to any other person whose said willful act is otherwise justifiable or excusable at law in the protection of his life or property, or is otherwise specifically authorized by law;*
  - c. *any person firing a firearm while participating in an historic re-enactment event approved by the City Manager or designee, provided that any such firearm contains no projectile;*
  - d. *the discharge of a firearm which contains no projectile or which is loaded with blank ammunition by an honor guard composed of members of the United States armed forces while participating in a ceremony, by an actor in a dramatic performance, or for the purpose of starting a race.*
- (c) *The city manager shall have authority to issue permits allowing the discharge of firearms within the city by persons hunting as set forth below, or for historic re-enactment events, or by persons not exempted herein, provided that such firearms shall fire blank ammunition or contain no projectile, and further provided that the city manager is satisfied that the firing of such firearm will not constitute a disturbance of the peace, a nuisance, or in any way endanger the life or well-being of any person or constitute a hazard to any property.*
- (d) *Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.*  
State Code reference: Va. Code §15.2-1113.

Section 54-7.1 Hunting.

- (a) *The regulations contained herein shall apply to hunting within the City limits. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor, except that a person violating subsection (e) shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor.*
- (b) *It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any bird or game animal using a rifle of a caliber larger than 0.22 rimfire.*
- (c) *It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any bird or game animal using a muzzle loading rifle or a shotgun loaded with slugs, except from a stand elevated at least 10 feet above the ground.*
- (d) *It shall be unlawful to hunt with a firearm any bird or game animal within 100 yards of any primary or secondary highway in the city. For the purpose of this sub-section, the term "hunt" shall not include the necessary crossing of highways for the bona fide purpose of going into or leaving a lawful hunting area.*
- (e) *It shall be unlawful to shoot or hunt with a firearm, to traverse an area while in possession of a loaded firearm, within 100 yards of any property line of a public school or city or regional park.*

State Code reference: Va. Code §§15.2-1113, 29.1-526, 29.1-527, 29.1-528.

Section 54-7.3 Transportation of a loaded rifle or shotgun.

*It shall be unlawful for any person to transport, possess or carry a loaded shotgun or loaded rifle in any vehicle on any public street, road, or highway within the city. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00. The provisions of this section shall not apply to duly authorized law-enforcement officers or military personnel in the performance of their lawful duties, nor to any person who reasonably believes that a loaded rifle or shotgun is necessary for his personal safety in the course of his employment or business.*

State Code reference: Va. Code §15.2-915.2.

Section 54-7.4 Definitions.

*The terms used in the foregoing sections 54-7 through 54-7.3 shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Virginia Code §29.1-100.*

I certify that I have read all sections of this permit application and agree to abide by all rules and regulations as herein prescribed.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

David Nye, Chief of Police