

BOWS AND ARROWS

§ 130.30 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ARCHERY RANGE. Any and all property(s) used for the discharge of an arrow from a bow or crossbow including the required safety zones.

ARROW. A projectile composed of a straight shaft and a pointed end, and with stabilizing vanes or feathers.

BOW. A device composed of a curved piece of wood, plastic, fiberglass, metal or similar material strung taut from end to end, and shall include without limitation longbows, recurve bows and compound bows.

CROSSBOW. A device composed of a bow fixed crosswise on a stock, on which stock arrows or other projectiles are directed by means of a groove.

FITA a.k.a. **WORLD ARCHERY.** The Federation International de Tir L'Arc.

NAA. The National Archery Association, a.k.a. USA Archery.

NASP®. The National Archery in Schools Program.

NFAA. The National Field Archery Association.

4-H. The Youth Development Program of the U.S. Cooperative Extension System.

TARGET. An archery target substantial enough to stop an arrow and not allow the nock end of an arrow to completely pass through, regardless of the archer, type of bow or crossbow, and regardless of where the arrow may strike the target.

(Ord. 2012-04, passed 6-4-12)

📖 § 130.31 RESTRICTIONS; SAFETY ZONES.

The discharge of an arrow from a bow or crossbow is permitted within the city only in strict accordance with the following:

(A) No person shall use a bow or crossbow to discharge an arrow from any city street, sidewalk or public right-of-way. No arrow shall be discharged so as to cross any street, sidewalk or public right-of-way.

(B) The discharge of an arrow from a bow or crossbow shall be conducted only during daylight hours.

(C) No person shall draw a bow or crossbow and/or discharge an arrow so as to leave the property on which it was discharged, unless the person has express written permission from the contiguous property owner whose property the arrow may enter. All arrows discharged must be

aimed at a fixed target, and the target must be located on the same property on which the archer is discharging the arrow.

(D) The target must be maintained in good condition, capable of stopping arrows regardless of the archer, type of bow or crossbow, and regardless of where the arrow may strike the target.

(E) (1) For targets orientated so that the archer is discharging the arrow toward the exterior property lines of the property, a safety zone of no less than 150 feet (50 yards) behind the target is required. In addition, a lateral (side) safety zone is required on each side of the target along the length of the entire archery range as follows:

| <i>Distance to Target</i> | <i>Minimum Side Safety Zone Required</i> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| up to 16 yards | 24 feet |
| 16 - 20 yards | 30 feet |
| 20 - 25 yards | 38 feet |
| 25 - 30 yards | 45 feet |
| over 30 yards | one-half target distance |

(2) The safety zones may include property contiguous to the property from which the arrow is being discharged only if expressed written permission is given by the property owner of the contiguous property. The safety zones must allow an arrow to land without striking any unintended object.

(F) For targets orientated such that the archer is discharging the arrow away from the exterior property lines, toward the interior of the property, and the primary residence, garage, or other substantial permanent structure is directly behind the target, a backstop of adequate size and sufficiency shall be used to prevent an arrow from leaving the property from which it has been discharged. All backstops must be capable of stopping an arrow regardless of the archer, type of bow or crossbow, and regardless of where the arrow may strike the backstop. The primary residence, garage or other substantial permanent structure shall serve as a secondary backstop and must meet the requirements of a backstop set forth above in this division (F). In addition, a lateral (side) safety zone as provided in division (E) above shall be required. For any other targets orientated such that the archer is discharging the arrow away from the exterior property lines, toward the interior of the property, and there is no primary residence, garage, or other substantial permanent structure directly behind the target, all safety zones set forth in division (E) above shall apply.

(G) When shooting a bow or crossbow, the archer must be able to clearly see that the area between himself or herself and the target is clear of everyone and everything except the target. Additionally, the archer must be able to see that the safety zone beyond and alongside the target is clear.

(H) The archery range shall be in an area where it is visible to anyone approaching the range so that anyone can clearly see that archery is being practiced. The archery range shall allow such visibility to anyone approaching so that the person has adequate ability to safely avoid the archery range and the safety zones.

(I) Anyone under the age of 16 years of age discharging any arrow from a bow or crossbow must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times.

(J) For any organized outdoor archery shooting event or program taking place within the city limits, FITA, a.k.a. World Archery, NFAA, NASP®, NAA, or 4-H rules and regulations shall apply.

(Ord. 2012-04, passed 6-4-12)

§ 130.32 APPLIES ONLY TO OUTDOOR ARCHERY.

The regulations and restrictions set forth herein shall apply only to archery conducted outdoors.

(Ord. 2012-04, passed 6-4-12)

§ 130.33 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

(A) Anyone desiring to discharge an arrow with a bow or crossbow on their property within the city limits must first submit to the city, a residential archery range form, which form shall be substantially similar to that set forth on Exhibit A, attached to Ordinance 2012-11, passed 11-5-12 and incorporated herein by reference, and shall attest to receiving a copy of these regulations from the city. Persons having an archery range located on any property containing three or more acres shall be exempt from providing a static archery range design/sketch as part of their residential archery range form. Any property owner allowing any other person(s) to discharge an arrow from a bow or crossbow on his or her property shall inform such person(s) of these regulations and assure that such person(s) abide by the regulations.

(B) No person shall discharge an arrow from a bow or crossbow outdoors within the city except in strict compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 2012-04, passed 6-4-12; Am. Ord. 2012-11, passed 11-5-12)

§ 130.34 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

(A) In addition to the penalties set forth below herein, in the event that any archery range, including but not limited to the target, backstop or safety zone is determined by the city not to comply with the provisions hereof, then no person shall be permitted to discharge an arrow from the property until the archery range is in full compliance with the provisions set forth herein.

(B) Any violation of this chapter is hereby classified as a civil offense, pursuant to Chapter 41 and KRS 65.8808, and the classification is intended, and shall be construed, to provide an additional or supplemental means of obtaining compliance with the applicable code sections, and nothing contained herein or in Chapter 41 shall prohibit the enforcement of this chapter by any other means authorized by law.

(C) If a citation for a violation of this chapter is not contested by the person charged with the violation, the civil fine to be imposed for each offense shall be \$50 for the first offense, \$90 for the second offense, and \$210 for the third, and thereafter, offense.

(D) If a citation is contested and a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board is required, the maximum civil fine which may be imposed at the discretion of the Board shall be from \$20 to \$200 for the first offense, from \$60 to \$600 for the second offense, and from \$180 to \$1,800 for the third, and thereafter, offense.

(E) Each section of the chapter violated shall be considered a separate fineable offense. If two or more sections of the chapter are violated, the fines shall be cumulative and be enforced under the same citation. Each day a violation exists shall be considered a separate offense upon issuance of a separate citation.

(Ord. 2012-04, passed 6-4-12)

 **§ 130.99 PENALTY.**

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is provided shall be subject to the penalty of § [10.99](#).

(B) Any person, firm or corporation, other than a minor, violating any of the provisions of § [130.03](#) shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or imprisoned for a period not to exceed six months, or both so fined and imprisoned upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction. Each day a violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder. Any minor violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate juvenile laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. ('88 Code, § 130.02) (Ord. 1969-4, passed 2-17-69)

(C) Any child violating any provision of division (A) of § [130.04](#) shall be subject to the procedures and penalties provided for by the State Unified Juvenile Code. Any parent, guardian or person having legal custody of a child who violates any provision of division (A) § [130.04](#) may be subject to the financial penalty provided for in KRS 610.180. ('88 Code, § 130.03)

(D) Whoever violates any of the provisions of §§ [130.15](#) through [130.19](#) for which a penalty is not specified shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$500. Each day the violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(E) Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of §§ [130.16](#) or [130.17](#) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$20 nor more than \$500. Each day a violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

(Ord. 1986-3, passed 4-7-86)

('88 Code, § 94.99)

(F) Any person who violates any of the provisions of § [130.05](#) shall be fined not less than \$50 or more than \$100, imprisoned for not more than 50 days, or both. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 1999-7, passed 7-19-99)

(G) Any violation of this chapter is hereby classified as a civil offense, pursuant to [Chapter 41](#) and KRS 65.8808, and such classification is intended, and shall be construed, to provide an additional or supplemental means of obtaining compliance with the applicable code sections, and nothing contained herein or in [Chapter 41](#) shall prohibit the enforcement of this chapter by any other means authorized by law.

(H) If a citation for a violation of this chapter is not contested by the person charged with the violation, the civil fine to be imposed for each offense shall be \$50 for the first offense, \$90 for the second offense, and \$210 for the third, and thereafter, offense.

(I) If a citation is contested and a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board is required, the maximum civil fine which may be imposed at the discretion of the Board shall be from \$20 to \$200 for the first offense, from \$60 to \$600 for the second offense, and from \$180 to \$1,800 for the third, and thereafter, offense.

(J) Each section of the ordinance violated shall be considered a separate fineable offense. If two or more sections of the ordinance are violated, the fines shall be cumulative and be enforced under the same citation. Each day a violation exists shall be considered a separate offense upon issuance of a separate citation.

(Ord. 1999-13, passed 8-17-99)

Cross-reference:

Code Enforcement Board, see [Chapter 41](#)

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