



Gloucester City Council

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

Certificate Number: 2020-068

The Gloucester City Council, at a meeting held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. by remote participation (Consistent with the Governor's orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and banning gatherings of more than 10 people) voted to approve the following:

IN CITY COUNCIL:

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL Call 9 in favor 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Chapter 21 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Art. V "West Gloucester Firing Range" as follows:

Sec. 21-87. - West Gloucester firing range.

- (a) This article shall govern the use and maintenance of the West Gloucester Firing Range located at the terminus of Forest Lane in West Gloucester ("the range"). The implementation of this article shall be under the **joint control of the director of the department of public works, Public Works Director and the Chief of Police.**
- (b) Use of the range shall be limited to firearms training for active and retired members of the ~~city police department (GPD) and any unit of the armed forces, which is permanently stationed in the city as required by M.G.L. c. 33, § 121.~~ **Gloucester Police Department to include any joint trainings with other City of Gloucester Agencies and the Gloucester Police, any joint trainings involving the Gloucester Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies, and any State-mandated trainings or qualification requirements that directly involve members of the Gloucester Police Department.**
- (c) ~~The range shall be open for such training for not more than 15 days each year, all of which shall be held in the month of March and all of which are subject to the notice provisions set forth herein. The hours of operation shall be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except that one of the 15 days may be used for evening firearms called "low light training," to be conducted between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. All training days shall be scheduled only after reasonable prescheduling approval by the DPW director after consultation with the GPD. The range shall be open from May 1 to November 1. Biannual state mandated training shall take place during the first 15 days of May and the first 15 days of October. The range shall be available for use under the terms of paragraph (b) every Wednesday from May 1 to November 1. The hours of live fire at the range shall be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except for specific low light training which will be conducted no later than 10:00 p.m. on those specific days.~~
- (d) ~~No shooting is permitted on Saturday or Sunday or state recognized holidays. Not less than seven days prior to each scheduled shooting, the GPD shall provide notice, including identification of the specific date for the evening shoot, if applicable, in the following manner:~~
- ~~(1) Written notice to the mayor, the councilor for the ward wherein the range is located and such other city officials may be designated by the DPW director;~~
 - ~~(2) A posting on the GPD's official web page; and~~
 - ~~(3) Email notification to any citizen of the city.~~
- No shooting is permitted on Saturday or Sunday or state-recognized holiday. The Gloucester Police Department, the Gloucester Department of Public Works shall post on their respective web sites the schedule outlined in paragraph (c).**
- (e) ~~Whoever shall elect to receive such notice, shall do so in accordance with procedures to be prescribed by the DPW director.~~

~~(f)(e)~~ The range shall at all times be secured by fencing, with a locked gate, adequate to deter illegal use of the range, as determined by the DPW director. The entrance and both sides of the range shall be posted with signage, the exact size and location of which shall be determined by the DPW director, indicating that the range is for use by the GPD only and that trespassers are subject to arrest. **The entrance to the range shall be posted with signage, the exact size and location of which shall be determined by the DPW Director, indicating that the range is for the use by the Gloucester Police Department only and that Trespassers are subject to arrest in accordance with City of Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Section 14-6.**

~~(g)(f)~~ The entrance and both sides of the range shall be posted with the following signs:

Gloucester Police Firing Range

Keep Out

No Trespassing Beyond This Point

Trespassers Subject To Arrest In Accordance With City Of Gloucester Code Of Ordinances, Section 14-6.

~~(h)(g)~~ The DPW shall be responsible for maintenance of the range and shall implement a maintenance plan the same or substantially similar to the environmental stewardship plan for management of lead shot/bullets, as suggested by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The range shall be maintained in accordance with the foregoing at least once every ~~two years~~. **three years. The Gloucester Police shall make every effort to use frangible ammunition when possible for their regular training.**

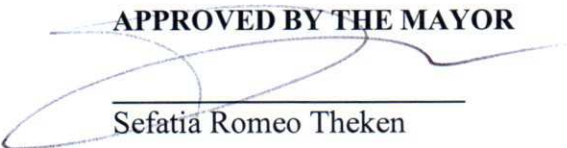
~~(i)(h)~~ There shall be no use of the firing range, unless, until and for so long as the above-described conditions are in place and maintained.



Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk

Date: April 30, 2020

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR


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VETOED BY THE MAYOR


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SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2020

All Ordinances shall become effective 31 days after passage except
Emergency Orders and Zoning Amendments shall become effective the next day