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Several residents within the Malabar have asked about Discharging a Firearm within the Town boundaries. Following please find a copy of State Senate Bill No. 130 amending 790.15 Florida Statutes as to prohibiting the recreational discharge of a firearm in certain residential areas.

This bill was signed in to Florida State Law on February 24, 2016, by Governor Rick Scott.

Should you have any questions regarding this change and its application to residents in the Town of Malabar, please call Staff at Town Hall.

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CHAPTER 2016-12

Committee Substitute for
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 130

An act relating to discharging a firearm; amending s. 790.15, F.S.; prohibiting the recreational discharge of a firearm in certain residential areas; providing criminal penalties; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 790.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

790.15 Discharging firearm in public or on residential property.—

(4) Any person who recreationally discharges a firearm outdoors, including target shooting, in an area that the person knows or reasonably should know is primarily residential in nature and that has a residential density of one or more dwelling units per acre, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. This subsection does not apply:

(a) To a person lawfully defending life or property or performing official duties requiring the discharge of a firearm;

(b) If, under the circumstances, the discharge does not pose a reasonably foreseeable risk to life, safety, or property; or

(c) To a person who accidentally discharges a firearm.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor February 24, 2016.

Filed in Office Secretary of State February 24, 2016.