

CITY OF FRUITA – **Hunting**, Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm Ordinance (01/05/16)

9.05.003 DISCHARGING FIREARMS, BB GUNS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fire, shoot or discharge any “Firearm” described in Section 9.5.001 or of any description, or BB gun or pellet gun whatsoever, whether powered with gun powder, compressed air, gas cartridges or spring, within the city limits, however:

A. The discharge of firearms or weapons by any member of any law enforcement organization, federal, state, county or city, in the course of his official duty shall not be deemed a violation of this section.

B. The discharge of firearms or weapons by authorized classes of a law enforcement agency, Parks and Recreation Department program, schools or universities at all times under proper instruction and supervision of shooting ranges as may be authorized or permitted by law, shall not be deemed a violation of this section.

C. Permission to discharge a firearm or weapon, subject to be revoked by the City Council at any time, may be granted in writing by the Chief of Police. Such permission shall limit the time and place of such firing and specifically set forth the purpose and limitations for which each permission to discharge a firearm or weapon has been granted. When the firing of a firearm or weapon is within the authorized limits, it shall not be deemed a violation of this section.

D. Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this Section commits a Class A Municipal Offense, and in addition to the penalties prescribed therefor, any weapon, firearm, BB gun or pellet gun discharged in violation of this Section shall be confiscated and may be disposed of by order of the Municipal Court. E. This Section does not apply to the discharge of a firearm expressly permitted under Colorado law, i.e., for the purpose of exercising the rights contained in section 18-1-704 or section 18-1-704.5.

(Ord. 2010-09, S5)

***There are several areas within the city limits of Fruita where hunting is allowed; specifically along the Colorado River. Hunters should obtain permission from the Chief of Police (Fruita) prior to hunting and must obey all laws and regulations required by the State of Colorado.**