

Shooting Range Information

Lockhart:

- Commercial indoor archery & shooting range:
 - Heavy Industrial
 - Light Industrial – CUP
 - Commercial Heavy Business – CUP
 - Commercial Medium Business – CUP

City of Arlington:

- Recreation and Entertainment, Indoor:
 - Gun Range (Indoor) A structure specially designed for the safe discharge and use of handguns, rifles, or other firearms for the purpose of sport-shooting or military/law enforcement training.
 - Allowed in
 - LI – Light Industrial
 - IM – Industrial Manufacturing
 - CC –Community Commercial - CUP
- Recreation & Entertainment, Outdoor:
 - Gun Club, Skeet, or Target Range (Outdoor) A facility or area for the sport of shooting at targets to test accuracy in rifle, pistol, or archery practice, owned or operated by a corporation, association, or persons, and conducted outside of an enclosed structure.
 - Allowed in
 - LI – Light Industrial - CUP
 - IM – Industrial Manufacturing – CUP

Midland:

- Gun Club, skeet or target range (indoor):
 - RR – Regional Retail – CUP
 - CB – Central Business - CUP
 - C - Commercial- CUP
 - BP – Business Park- CUP
 - TP – Technology Park- CUP
- Gun Club, skeet or target range (outdoor):
 - Light Industrial - CUP
 - Heavy Industrial- CUP

Georgetown (Entertainment Recreation)

- Firing Range, Indoor
 - AG - Agriculture– CUP
 - C3- General Commercial -CUP
 - IN – Industrial - CUP
- Firing Range, Outdoor
 - AG – Agricultural -CUP

Amarillo:

- Shooting Range (Indoor):
 - AG – Agricultural - CUP
 - GR – General Retail- CUP
 - LC – Light Commercial - CUP
 - CB – Central Business - CUP
 - HC –Heavy Commercial - CUP
- Supplemental Standards:
 - Sec. 4-10-110. Shooting Ranges.
 - (a) The design, construction, and operation of a Shooting Range (Indoor or Outdoor) shall comply with the latest edition of the National Rifle Association Range Source Book.
 - (b) No noise shall be perceptible beyond the Property Line of an Indoor Shooting Range.
 - (c) An Outdoor Shooting Range at which only shotguns, air rifles or pistols, or BB guns are discharged shall be located:
 - (1) On a Lot with a minimum area of 10 acres;
 - (2) At least 150 feet from a Dwelling Unit or occupied Building located on another Lot. This measurement is taken from the nearest point of the firing line to the Dwelling Unit or Building to the Dwelling Unit or Building; and
 - (3) in a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the Lot Line.
 - (d) An Outdoor Shooting Range at which center fire or rim fire rifles or pistols of any caliber may be discharged shall be located:
 - (1) On a Lot with a minimum area of 50 acres;
 - (2) At least 300 feet from a Dwelling Unit or occupied Building located on another Lot. This measurement is taken from the nearest point of the firing line to the Dwelling Unit or Building to the Dwelling Unit or Building; and
 - (3) in a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the Lot Line

Granbury:

- Shooting Range, Indoor:
 - HC – Heavy Commercial - CUP
 - I – Industrial - CUP
- Supplemental Standards:
 - 31. Indoor Shooting Range
 - a. No person shall engage in the operation or be employed within an indoor shooting range unless such person has passed a criminal background check administered by the Chief of Police. This shall also be a requirement prior to any transfer or assignment to a new operator, or any time a Certificate of Occupancy is required within Section 1.10.G.
 - b. Indoor shooting ranges shall have walls, ceilings, and floors that are impenetrable to the ammunition discharged by firearms being used within it or have internal baffling built so that the ammunition discharged cannot hit the walls or ceiling. Doors and windows which are in front of the firing points must be bolted from the inside and must comply with this subsection as

part of the building walls at all times the facility is in use. Gas projectiles and incendiary devices shall not be used in such facilities. Protective stalls shall be built between each firing point used for the discharge of a pistol.

c. Indoor shooting ranges shall be constructed and insulated in such a manner that prevents sound from the discharge of firearms within the facility to escape outside the premises or disturb the peace of other persons outside the premises. Hearing protectors, which fully cover the shooter's ears, shall be provided by the indoor shooting range, made available for all shooters or other persons in the firing area, and are required to be worn at all times in the firing area.

d. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to exempt any indoor shooting range, its construction, remodeling, or operation from any applicable city, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation.

e. All indoor shooting range instructors shall be certified by the National Rifle Association or by the State of Texas.

f. All operators of indoor shooting ranges shall keep and maintain any legally required records regarding the use of the range and the sale of firearms and ammunition by the operator. All such records shall be open for inspection during all hours of operation by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall also have the right to inspect the operation of the indoor shooting range during all hours of operation to verify the safe operation of the facility. Should the Chief of Police determine that a violation exists which may compromise public health or safety, the Chief of Police may at any time, suspend or revoke the SUP ceasing the operation of the indoor shooting range. If the Chief of Police suspends the SUP for minor infractions or violations, such operation may be continued once the outstanding issues have been remedied to his/her satisfaction. If the Chief of Police revokes the SUP major infractions violations or safety concerns, a new SUP application shall be submitted by the City within 60 days of revocation by the Chief of Police. The previous SUP holder shall be responsible for providing any and all documentation necessary for a Article 4 – Permitted Uses ZONING ORDINANCE REVISED NOVEMBER 3, 2020 Page 36 CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS complete SUP application submittal and any supporting information addressing the reason(s) for revocation. The SUP application shall be considered a new application under Article 11 of this Ordinance allowing the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council full discretionary review.

g. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any owner, manager, operator, or employee of an indoor shooting range to permit any person or persons to bring any intoxicating liquor, intoxicating substance, low point beer, controlled dangerous substance or other intoxicating compound or dangerous substance on the premises of any indoor shooting range; to permit the consumption of the same on the premises; or to permit them to be left at any place on the premises. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person operating a range to permit any intoxicated or chemically impaired person to be or remain on the premises.

h. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to discharge any firearm within an indoor shooting range in a manner that violates any provision of this article or so that the shot, projectile, bullet, or fragments avoid the backstop and other safety precautions and escape the confines of any indoor shooting range causing bodily injury to a person on the premises. An owner, manager, operator, employee, or agent of an indoor shooting range shall supervise the users of the facility and shall remove and bar from the premises any person who refuses to

comply with generally accepted safety practices, within the provisions of this ordinance or comply with the rules and regulations concerning safety imposed by the operator.

i. All shooting shall be supervised by an adult at all times.

j. Any safety precautions recommended by the Chief of Police shall be complied with

Common zoning requirements established at the municipal level for private firing ranges usually address:

- **Location:** Local governments are granted the ability to regulate the discharge of firearms within city limits (if the government is a city), unless the gun is being fired in a reasonably safe manner and within the confines of a sports shooting range. This includes the firing of rounds within 300 feet of an occupied building.
- **Zoning:** At their own discretion, municipalities are allowed to design regulations on zoning and land usage, as well as business ordinances and fire codes, on the condition that their regulations do not intentionally limit or prohibit firearm or firearm-related commerce.
- **Hours of Operation:** County and city governments are allowed to regulate and enforce limitations on the operating hours of a firing range as long as the limitations are not more stringent than the most lenient limitations on operational hours for any other business. This comparative excludes places that sell alcohol.
- **Unlicensed Carrying:** Municipalities can regulate and enforce rules that disallow anyone not in possession of a carrying license from taking their firearm to public spaces, governmental meetings, schools, and political rallies. This may apply to shooting range members if the range is situated near these or similar areas.
- **Licensed Carrying:** Local governments are allowed to regulate and enforce carrying rules even on citizens in possession of a carrying license, so long as the use of the rule is based in another, pre-existing law not already and explicitly barred by the state's legislative authority.