

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

Neighborhood Watch Letter

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Wildwood Precinct

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Due to recent inquiries regarding hunting or the discharge of a bow or firearm in Wildwood, we thought it would be helpful to provide residents with the following information.

These are some highlights regarding the discharge of a firearm or bow in the City of Wildwood:

- Hunting or discharging a firearm or bow requires a **single 3 acre (or more) parcel of land**. The 3 acre requirement cannot be met by combining several pieces of property.
- The discharge of a firearm or bow is required to be 450 feet (or more) from any home, garage, building, etc. *The only exception to this is a bow discharged for practice at a fixed target must be 200 feet (or more) from a home, etc.*
- A cartridge rifle or handgun cannot be discharged on any property east of Hwy 109. Shotguns or muzzle loading rifles are allowed east of Hwy 109.
- Hunting or discharging a firearm or bow on any property; requires **written permission from the property owner and is to be carried at all times**.
- Any discharge of a firearm or a bow must be done in a safe direction. A discharge cannot be toward a house, garage, school, building, road, park, playground, etc. within a reasonable range of the firearm or bow.

There are obviously several other elements to the Hunting and Firearms Regulation ordinance, but these are the issues most frequently encountered. The entire ordinance text is available on the police page of the City of Wildwood's website, www.cityofwildwood.com.

Additional information regarding Missouri Department of Conservation Deer Hunting seasonal dates are listed on the back or are available at <http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/deer-hunting>.

Please feel free to contact Neighborhood Policing Officer Jamie Reiter, jreiter@stlouisco.com or Neighborhood Policing Officer Brad Wood, bwood@stlouisco.com at 636-458-9194 in reference to the Hunting and Firearms Regulation ordinance.