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From: Ryan Hutton
Building and Zoning Official

This letter is to bring to your attention a request from Andy Frey (Andy's Armory and Adventure). Andy's store location is 1316 6th Street STE 104. Andy's request is to teach gun safety and allow for kids and adults to shoot BB guns and air rifles. The area Andy would like to use is on the North side of his shop. The area has about a thirty (30) foot lane to shoot. It is protected by roughly fifteen (15) foot walls on four (4) sides of the lane.

The reason for the request to the council is Ordinance 41.11. The ordinance states "not shooting arrows, rubber guns, slingshots, air rifles, BB guns, or other dangerous instruments or toys on or into any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, public way, recreational trail, public ground or public building, without written consent of the council" is interpreted as needing to ensure the projectile is controlled onto the property you have a right to.

It is my recommendation to allow Andy to continue with this project. Andy has shown a protected shooting area that would allow people to shoot safely. Andy has continued to show knowledge in this field by getting his instructor certification for hunting safety through the DNR.

Thanks,

Ryan Hutton
Building and Zoning Official

41.10 DISCHARGING WEAPONS.

1. It is unlawful for a person to discharge rifles, shotguns, revolvers, pistols, guns or other firearms of any kind within the City limits except by written consent of the Council.
2. No person shall intentionally discharge a firearm in a reckless manner.

41.11 THROWING AND SHOOTING.

It is unlawful for a person to throw stones, bricks or missiles of any kind or to shoot arrows, rubber guns, slingshots, air rifles, BB guns or other dangerous instruments or toys on or into any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, public way, recreational trail, public ground or public building, without written consent of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2])

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From: Andy Frey <one_i@live.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:54 AM

To: Chris Brandes <CBrandes@cityofnevadaiaowa.org>

Subject: Ordinance Question

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Hi Chris,

I'm trying to find out what ordinances, if any Nevada has for pellet guns, BB guns and archery.

Long story short, I have opened up a space between my store and the building north where I would like to have a small target range (10 - 15 yds) for BB gun, air rifle and archery. We would obviously construct it in a way safe for the public.

In rural areas we have done things like Daisy Red Rider BB gun events to give you an idea of what we are considering.

If there are any ordinances is there a process for seeking waiver or special use as a commercial entity?

Thanks, and have a great day!

-Andy

Andy's Armory and Adventure

1316 6th St STE 104

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Erin Mousel

Subject: FW: Ordinance Question
Attachments: nevada-ia-1 (7).pdf

From: Chris Brandes
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 11:12 AM
To: Andy Frey
Cc: Ryan Hutton
Subject: RE: Ordinance Question

Andy,

The two code sections you will want to review are attached. They are City of Nevada code 41.10 and 41.11. The pellet gun, BB gun, and archery equipment is more accurately described in 41.11. Based on what you have described 41.10 does not apply to your intent, but is closely related.

41.11's verbiage about "not shooting arrows, rubber guns, slingshots, air rifles, BB guns, or other dangerous instruments or toys on or into any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, public way, recreational trail, public ground or public building, without written consent of the council" is interpreted as needing to ensure the projectile is controlled onto the property you have a right to.

As you have stated you have control of the space to the north of you, it would be property you have right to it. If you are constructing the range in a manner that ensures it will not leave the property, I do not feel you would have any violation of 41.11.

With all that said, the police department would not have any objections to this as long as you meet those requirements. I have CCed Ryan Hutton to this in the event he has any input on the special use permit needs.

Chris Brandes

Public Safety Director

Chief of Police

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