

IC 14-22-31.5

Chapter 31.5. Shooting Ranges

IC 14-22-31.5-1

"Local unit of government" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "local unit of government" means a county, city, town, or township.

As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.

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"Person" defined

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual, an association, a business entity, or a governmental entity.

As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.

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"Shooting range" defined

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "shooting range" means an area designed and operated for the use of archery, rifles, shotguns, pistols, muskets, or similar firearms that are fired at silhouettes, skeet, trap, paper, stillboard, or other similar targets.

As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.

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Repealed

(As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4. Repealed by P.L.57-2002, SEC.1.)

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Local government regulation

Sec. 5. Except as specifically prohibited by this chapter and subject to IC 35-47-11.1, a local unit of government may regulate the location, use, operation, safety, and construction of a shooting range.

As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.152-2011, SEC.1.

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Liability relating to noise

Sec. 6. A person who owns, operates, or uses a shooting range is not liable in any civil or criminal matter relating to noise or noise pollution that results from the operation or use of the shooting range if the construction and operation of the shooting range were legal at the time of its initial construction or initial operation, and the shooting range continues to operate in a manner that would have been legal at the time of the inception or initial operation.

As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.289-2013, SEC.16.

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Powers of ranges in existence before July 1, 1996

Sec. 7. Notwithstanding any ordinance adopted by a local unit of government, a shooting range that is in existence before July 1, 1996, may do the following within the geographic boundaries of the shooting range as it existed on June 30, 1996:

- (1) Repair, remodel, or reinforce a building or structure that is needed to ensure public safety or to secure the continued use of the building or structure.
- (2) Reconstruct, repair, restore, or resume the use of a nonconforming building that has been damaged by fire, collapse, explosion, act of nature, or war after July 1, 1996. However, the reconstruction, repair, or restoration must be completed not more than one (1) year after the date of the damage to the building or the settlement of the property damage claim. If the reconstruction, repair, or restoration is not completed within one (1) year, the local unit of government may terminate the continuation of the nonconforming use.
- (3) Expand or increase the membership of the shooting range or opportunities for public participation at the shooting range.

As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.