

Ordinance No 2025-08-18-001

**An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting by Declaring an Emergency the  
Illegal Discharge of a Firearm in the Village of Wayne Lakes, Ohio.**

ORC § 2923.162 outlines when it's illegal to discharge a firearm on or near certain "prohibited premises":

- **Within 100 yards of a cemetery**, unless you're on your own land or have permission from authorities.
- **On lawns, parks, playgrounds, orchards, or grounds** related to schools, churches, dwellings, charitable institutions—unless you're the property owner or shooting within your own enclosed property.
- **Over or onto a public road/highway.**

Violating subsections (A)(1) or (A)(2) is a **4th-degree misdemeanor**, while firing over a public road or highway is at least a **1st-degree misdemeanor**, but can escalate to a **felony** if injury or serious property harm results.

There's also **ORC § 2923.161**, which prohibits knowingly firing at or into an occupied structure, school safety zones, or within 1,000 feet of a school with intent to harm or scare. Violators face a **2nd-degree felony**

Passed this 18 day of August of 2025



Linda M Clark Mayor

  
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Approved as to form:

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