

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BABYLON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Babylon will hold a Public Hearing at Babylon Town Hall, 200 East Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, New York, on the 14th day of February, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, to consider amending Chapter 121 of the Babylon Town Code (Firearms) as set forth in the annexed Exhibit “A”.

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 121 “Firearms”

Delete: §121-1 to 121-4.

Enact:

§ 121-1 Legislative intent.

The Town Board of the Town of Babylon hereby finds and determines that it is necessary for the security, safety, protection and general well-being of the Town’s employees and the public at large to place restrictions on the bearing and possession of weapons or dangerous instruments by individuals while entering into and being present in buildings and premises owned, leased and/or operated by the Town of Babylon. Therefore, the purpose of this chapter is to prohibit individuals from carrying any weapons or dangerous instruments into buildings or premises owned, leased and/or operated by the Town.

§ 121-2 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

LAW OFFICER

Any police officer, deputy sheriff, court officer or peace officer.

WEAPON or DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT

Any firearm, gun, explosive device or substance, lethal or debilitating chemical or gas, handgun, pistol, target pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, dangerous knife, dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto or imitation pistol, or bow and arrow.

PROHIBITED ZONE

Constitutes all the unincorporated water and land areas of the Town of Babylon.

§ 121-3 Effect on statutory provisions; exceptions.

A. Rifle ranges or similar installations constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Code of the Town of Babylon and fully contained within a structure or structures are excepted from the prohibitions contained in this Chapter.

B. Archery ranges or similar installations constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Code of the Town of Babylon and fully contained within a structure or structures are excepted from the prohibitions contained in this Chapter.

C. This Chapter shall not apply to any active duty police officer; to any active duty peace officer, as defined in § 2.10 of the New York Criminal Procedure Law, who has obtained a firearms license as required by law and who is carrying the weapon or dangerous instrument during hours permitted by law; to ballistics experts; or to any other authorized official of the County, state or federal government. Such weapons or dangerous instruments may only be brought into Town buildings during the hours that the above officers or officials are permitted to carry such items.

§ 121-4 Possession of weapons or dangerous instruments prohibited.

No individual shall bear or have in his or her possession, either openly or concealed, any weapon or dangerous instrument while entering into or while being present in any building owned, leased and/or operated by the Town of Babylon.

§ 121-5 Discharge of weapons restricted.

No person shall discharge any weapon or dangerous instrument within the prohibited zone of the Town of Babylon.

§ 121-6 Penalties for offense

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and subject to the penalties provided in §§ 1-15 through 1-17 of the Code of the Town of Babylon.

Dated: January 17, 2018, Town of Babylon

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF BABYLON
GERALDINE COMPITELLO, TOWN CLERK