

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
CENTER ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROANOKE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER
13. "OFFENSES—MISCELLANEOUS", ARTICLE I. "IN GENERAL",
SECTION 13-4. "DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, AIR GUNS, ETC.,
GENERALLY" BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION NUMBER 13-
4.1. "DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR DWELLINGS"**

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the governing
body of any county to prohibit outdoor shooting of firearms in any area of the county
which in the opinion of the board of supervisors is so heavily populated as to make such
conduct dangerous to the inhabitants thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County has determined that it
is dangerous to discharge firearms within one hundred (100) yards of homes and
occupied buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has provided notice to the Director of the
Department of the Game and Inland Fisheries of the adoption of this ordinance as
provided in Section 29.1-528 of the Code of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the first reading of this ordinance will be held on May 10, 2011, and
the second reading will be held on May 24, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke
County as follows:

1. That a new Section 13-4.1. – Discharge of Firearms Near Dwellings be
added to read and provide as follows:

Sec. 13-4.1. - Discharge of Firearms Near Dwellings

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in hunting with a firearm or to discharge a firearm within one hundred (100) yards of a dwelling house or occupied building not his or her own.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in hunting with a bow or to discharge arrows from bows within one hundred (100) yards of a dwelling house or occupied building not his or her own. A "bow" includes all compound bows, crossbows, longbows and recurve bows that have a peak draw weight of ten (10) pounds or more. The term "bow" does not include bows that have a peak draw of less than ten (10) pounds or that are designed or intended to be used principally as toys. The term "arrow" means a shaft-like projectile intended to be shot from a bow.

(c) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. In addition the court in which the case is prosecuted may, in its discretion, confiscate the firearm or device in question.

2. That this ordinance shall be full force and effect from and after its adoption.