

RILEY TOWNSHIP - ST. CLAIR COUNTY

ARTICLE XI
PLANNING COMMISSION – SPECIAL APPROVAL USES

SECTION 1131. SHOOTING RANGES AND GUN CLUBS:

Shooting ranges, gun clubs, and similar uses, such as survival and other air-gun games, may be permitted in RC and EC districts subject to the following:

- A. The minimum site size shall be eighty (80) acres with a minimum width of one thousand three hundred twenty (1320') feet.
- B. Off-street parking shall be provided in the ratio of one (1) space for each three (3) users at capacity. All parking areas shall be kept dust-free at all times so as not to become a nuisance to adjoining properties.
- C. All parking areas shall be screened from view of an adjoining residential district or use by either a greenbelt, obscuring fence, or a masonry wall, whichever is determined by the Planning Commission to be the most appropriate and effective.
- D. The hours when shooting is permitted at a gun club or shooting range shall be limited from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. The Planning Commission may apply more restrictive hours where protection for adjoining residents is necessary.
- E. The design of the facility shall clearly show that safety of persons on and off the site is guaranteed. This shall mean that no projectile of any kind may be permitted to leave the site. Unless this safety requirement is clearly indicated by the design plans, a permit shall not be issued. The design of all ranges shall incorporate the recommended safety features of the National Rifle Association or similar safety features.
- F. The firing range shall be fenced on all sides except the firing line, by a fence no less than eight (8') feet in height. Such fence shall be either of a chain-link type or of board construction sufficient to prevent persons from passing over or through the fence.
- G. The firing line or other area from which firearms are discharged shall be located no closer than one hundred fifty (150') feet from any property line, not closer than five hundred (500') feet from any existing residential structure other than those on the premises.
- H. Properties used for survival games or other air-gun games shall be completely fenced to prevent participants from trespassing on adjoining properties. Signs warning participants not to cross the fence shall be placed every two hundred (200') feet along its perimeter. Failure to follow this requirement shall be grounds for immediate revocation of the applicant's Special Land Use Permit.