

VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-62

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF DEADLY WEAPONS AND ALL  
FIREARMS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS, BASE AREA AND ON  
PUBLIC/PRIVATE LANDS.

THIS ORDINANCE ALSO REGULATES AND PROHIBITS HUNTING WITHIN THE  
VILLAGE LIMITS, BASE AREA AND ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE LANDS.

WHEREAS, the continued health, safety and general welfare of the citizens and visitors of the Village of Taos Ski Valley are of primary concern, and

WHEREAS, the ultimate protection of the Village of Taos Ski Valley, its citizens and visitors to the Village of Taos Ski Valley, is addressed in this ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Taos Ski Valley has a compelling interest to provide safety to its residents and visitors and has selected means that are tailored to this end:

BE IT ORDERED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY THAT:

1. Negligent Use of a Deadly Weapon and any Firearm consists of:

- A. Discharging a firearm or using any deadly weapon within the limits of the Village of Taos Ski Valley without specific legal justification; or
- B. Carrying or having within one's reach or immediate grasp, any deadly weapon or firearm while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug; or
- C. Endangering the safety of another or his property by handling or using a deadly weapon or firearm in a negligent manner; or
- D. Selling, loaning, or furnishing any deadly weapon or firearm to a person with knowledge that the person is under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug, or that the person is incompetent.

2. Carrying Deadly Weapons and Firearms:

Prohibitions; Exceptions: Carrying a deadly weapon or a firearm concealed in a manner making it not readily visible on or about the person or in close proximity there to, without legal authority, so that the weapon or firearm is readily accessible for use, is unlawful except:

In a person's residence or on real property belonging to him as an owner, lessee, tenant or licensee; or

In a private automobile or other private means of conveyance for the protection of his person or property, or the person or property of another; or

By a person with a valid concealed handgun license, or

By a peace officer in the lawful discharge of his duties; or

On a target range as authorized by law.

3. **Definitions:**

A "Deadly Weapon" means any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any weapon which is capable of producing death or great bodily harm, including but not restricted to any types of daggers, brass knuckles, switchblade knives, bowie knives, poniards, butcher knives, dirk knives and all such weapons with which dangerous cuts can be given or with which dangerous thrusts can be inflicted; including sword canes, and any kind of sharp pointed canes, also slingshots, slung shots, bow and arrows, bludgeons; or any other weapons with which dangerous wounds can be inflicted.

4. **Unlawful Hunting**

It is unlawful to hunt, take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill, at any time or in any manner, any game animal or game bird, as defined by the laws of the State of New Mexico, within the limits of the Village of Taos Ski Valley.

Certain private lands consisting of single parcels over 400 acres are exempt from the prohibition against hunting within the limits of the Village of Taos Ski Valley. A hunting guide must accompany every hunter on these lands, and a valid hunting license must be in the possession of every hunter on eligible private lands that are within the limits of the Village of Taos Ski Valley.

Exemption: The provisions of this section do not apply to fishing as permitted by the Laws of the State of New Mexico.

5. **Violations**

Any violation of this ordinance, is considered a petty misdemeanor. Anyone convicted of violating this ordinance may be imprisoned for a period not to exceed six months and may be fined in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

6. **State of New Mexico Firearms and Hunting Laws**

All New Mexico State Laws pertaining to the use of firearms and hunting laws shall be strictly enforced within the limits of the Village of Taos Ski Valley

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2017.

The Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico

By: Neal King

Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann M. Woodbridge  
Village Clerk

Vote: For 4 Against 0

