

1-1 By: Hinojosa of Nueces S.B. No. 2284
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2025; March 25, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-5 Nays 0; April 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry			X	
1-17	Schwertner	X			
1-18	Zaffirini	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authority of a municipality or county to regulate
1-22 certain matters related to firearms, air guns, archery equipment,
1-23 and other weapons and related supplies.
1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-25 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 229.001, Local Government
1-26 Code, is amended to read as follows:
1-27 Sec. 229.001. FIREARMS; AIR GUNS; ARCHERY EQUIPMENT;
1-28 KNIVES; EXPLOSIVES.
1-29 SECTION 2. Sections 229.001(a), (b), (b-1), (c), and (d),
1-30 Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
1-31 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, including Section 43.002
1-32 of this code and Chapter 251, Agriculture Code, a municipality may
1-33 not adopt or enforce regulations that:
1-34 (1) relate to:
1-35 (A) the transfer, possession, wearing, carrying,
1-36 ownership, storage, transportation, licensing, or registration of
1-37 firearms, air guns, archery equipment, knives, ammunition, or
1-38 firearm or air gun supplies or accessories;
1-39 (B) commerce in firearms, air guns, archery
1-40 equipment, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies or
1-41 accessories; or
1-42 (C) the discharge of a firearm, ~~or~~ air gun, or
1-43 archery equipment at a sport shooting range; or
1-44 (2) require an owner of a firearm or archery equipment
1-45 to obtain liability insurance coverage for damages resulting from
1-46 negligent or wilful acts involving the use of the firearm or archery
1-47 equipment.
1-48 (b) Subsection (a) does not affect the authority a
1-49 municipality has under another law to:
1-50 (1) require residents or public employees to be armed
1-51 for personal or national defense, law enforcement, or another
1-52 lawful purpose;
1-53 (2) regulate the discharge of firearms, ~~or~~ air guns,
1-54 or archery equipment within the limits of the municipality, other
1-55 than at a sport shooting range;
1-56 (3) except as provided by Subsection (b-1), adopt or
1-57 enforce a generally applicable zoning ordinance, land use
1-58 regulation, fire code, or business ordinance;
1-59 (4) regulate the storage or transportation of
1-60 explosives to protect public health and safety, except that 25
1-61 pounds or less of black powder for each private residence and 50

pounds or less of black powder for each retail dealer are not subject to regulation;

(5) regulate the carrying of an air gun, archery equipment, or firearm, other than a handgun carried by a person not otherwise prohibited by law from carrying a handgun, at a:

(A) public park;

(B) public meeting of a municipality, county, or other governmental body;

(C) political rally, parade, or official political meeting; or

(D) nonfirearms-related school, college, or professional athletic event;

(6) regulate the carrying of a firearm by a person licensed to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, in accordance with Section 411.209, Government Code;

(7) regulate the hours of operation of a sport shooting range, except that the hours of operation may not be more limited than the least limited hours of operation of any other business in the municipality other than a business permitted or licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;

(8) regulate the carrying of an air gun by a minor on:

(A) public property; or

(B) private property without consent of the property owner; or

(9) except as provided by Subsection (d-1), regulate or prohibit an employee's carrying or possession of a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition in the course of the employee's official duties.

(b-1) The exception provided by Subsection (b)(3) does not apply if the ordinance or regulation is designed or enforced to effectively restrict or prohibit the manufacture, sale, purchase, transfer, or display of archery equipment, firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition that is otherwise lawful in this state.

(c) The exception provided by Subsection (b)(5) does not apply:

(1) if the firearm, ~~or~~ air gun, or archery equipment is in or is carried to or from an area designated for use in a lawful hunting, fishing, or other sporting event and the firearm, ~~or~~ air gun, or archery equipment is of the type commonly used in the activity; or

(2) to a person licensed to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

(d) Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize the seizure or confiscation of any firearm, air gun, archery equipment, knife, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies or accessories from an individual who is lawfully carrying or possessing the firearm, air gun, archery equipment, knife, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies or accessories.

SECTION 3. Section 229.001(e), Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

(2-a) "Archery equipment" means a long bow, recurved bow, compound bow, or crossbow. The term includes an arrow and a component part or accessory of an arrow, bow, or crossbow.

SECTION 4. Section 235.042(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To promote the public safety, the commissioners court of a county by order may prohibit or otherwise regulate hunting with bows and arrows on lots that are smaller than seven ~~10~~ acres ~~or smaller~~ and are located in the unincorporated area of the county in a subdivision.

SECTION 5. The heading to Chapter 236, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 236. COUNTY REGULATION OF FIREARMS, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT, KNIVES, AMMUNITION, FIREARM SUPPLIES, AND SPORT SHOOTING RANGES

SECTION 6. Section 236.001, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

(3) "Archery equipment" has the meaning assigned by

Section 229.001.

SECTION 7. The heading to Section 236.002, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 236.002. FIREARMS; AIR GUNS; ARCHERY EQUIPMENT; SPORT SHOOTING RANGE.

SECTION 8. Section 236.002(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, including Chapter 251, Agriculture Code, a county may not adopt or enforce regulations that:

(1) relate to:

(A) the transfer, possession, wearing, carrying, ownership, storage, transportation, licensing, or registration of firearms, air guns, archery equipment, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies or accessories;

(B) commerce in firearms, air guns, archery equipment, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies or accessories; or

(C) the discharge of a firearm, ~~or~~ air gun, or archery equipment at a sport shooting range; or

(2) require an owner of a firearm or archery equipment to obtain liability insurance coverage for damages resulting from negligent or wilful acts involving the use of the firearm or archery equipment.

SECTION 9. Sections 342.003(a) and (b), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing body of the municipality may:

(1) prohibit dangerous chimneys, flues, fireplaces, stovepipes, ovens, and other apparatus used in or about any building, and require the apparatus to be removed or placed in a safe condition;

(2) prohibit the unsafe deposit of ashes;

(3) appoint officers who may enter any building or enclosure to examine and determine whether it is in a dangerous condition and, if the building or enclosure is in a dangerous condition, require that it be put in a safe condition;

(4) require the inhabitant of a building to maintain as many fire buckets and means of access to the roof as prescribed by the governing body, and regulate the use of those items in the event of a fire;

(5) require the owner or occupant of a building to maintain access to the roof and to stairs or ladders that lead to the roof;

(6) prohibit or otherwise regulate factories and other works that pose a danger of promoting or causing fires;

(7) prohibit or otherwise regulate the erection of cotton presses and sheds;

(8) prohibit or otherwise regulate the use of fireworks ~~[and firearms]~~;

(9) prohibit, direct, or otherwise regulate the keeping and management of buildings within the municipality that are used to store gunpowder or other combustible, explosive, or dangerous materials, and regulate the keeping and conveying of those materials;

(10) regulate the building of parapet or party walls;

(11) authorize the mayor or other municipal officers, including the officers of fire companies, to keep away from the vicinity of any fire all idle, disorderly, or suspicious persons, and to arrest and confine those persons;

(12) compel municipal officers and all other persons to aid in extinguishing fires, preserving property exposed to the danger of fire, and preventing theft; and

(13) adopt other rules for the prevention and extinguishment of fires as the governing body considers necessary.

(b) Subsection (a)(9) ~~[(a)(8) or (9)]~~ does not authorize a municipality to adopt any prohibition or other regulation in violation of Section 229.001.

SECTION 10. The changes in law made by this Act apply to an ordinance, order, regulation, or other measure adopted before, on,

4-1 or after the effective date of this Act.

4-2 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect immediately if it
4-3 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
4-4 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
4-5 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
4-6 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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