

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09-976**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WEAPONS SECTION WSMC CHAPTER 9.08 TO ADD  
TASERS AS PROHIBITED WEAPONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND  
AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of White Salmon wishes to maintain the safety and welfare of city residents by prohibiting the possession and use of taser weapons by minors within the City and prohibiting their sale or possession in public parks and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that amendments are necessary to ensure the health and safety of City residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of White Salmon do ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** WSMC Ch. 9.08 is hereby amended as follows:

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Chapter 9.08 - WEAPONS

Sections:

9.08.010 - Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- A. "Nunchaku" means an instrument consisting of two or more sticks, clubs, bars or rods, to be used as handles, connected by a rope, cord, wire or chain, in the design of a weapon used in connection with the practice of a system of self-defense such as karate.
- B. "Throwing star" means any instrument, without handles, consisting of a metal plate having three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges, and designed in the shape of a polygon, trefoil, cross, star, diamond or other geometric shape, for the use as a weapon for throwing.
- C. "Taser" means an electronic or energy device or weapon which, upon coming in contact with a person, is capable of inflicting injury or an electric or energy shock to such a person, and is otherwise known as a "stun gun".

9.08.020 - Manufacture, sale, possession or use of certain weapons prohibited.

Every person who manufactures, sells or disposes of, or has in his possession any instrument, martial arts weapon, or other weapons of the kind usually known as blackjack, slung shot, nunchaku, throwing star, sand club, metal knuckles, or spring-blade knife, or any knife the blade of which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having a blade which opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement, who furtively carries, with intent to conceal any dagger, dirk, pistol or other dangerous weapon, or who uses any contrivance or device for suppressing the noise of any firearm, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

9.08.025 – Possession, Firing or Discharging Taser Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to possess, fire or discharge any taser or similar electronic device or weapon within the White Salmon City limits or towards any person inside the White Salmon City limits. No one shall possess or discharge a taser in any public park or school within the City. Any person who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor.

9.08.027 - Sale or Transfer of Taser to a Minor

It shall be unlawful to sell, gift or otherwise transfer a taser to a person under the age of 18 years within the White Salmon City Limits. Any person who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor.

9.08.030 - Exemptions to chapter provisions.

Section 9.08.020 shall not apply to any of the following:

- A. The possession of a taser, or of a nunchaku, throwing star or other martial arts weapon on the premises of a school which holds a regulatory or business license and teaches the arts of self-defense;
- B. The manufacture of a taser, or of a nunchaku, throwing star or other martial arts weapon for sale to, or the sale of a taser, or of a nunchaku or throwing star or other martial arts weapon to, a school which holds a regulatory or business license and teaches the arts of self-defense.

**SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective five days after publication as provided by law.

**SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY**

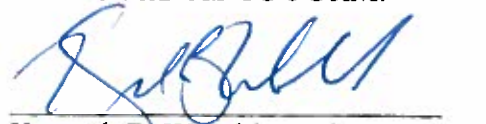
If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall be construed to be effective after removing the objectionable provision(s).

**PASSED** by the Council and approved by the Mayor on September 2, 2015.

  
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Mayor David Poucher

  
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Leana Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney