

**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE  
NOISE ORDINANCE  
REGULATION OF EXPLODING TARGETS**

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**PURPOSE:** To promote public safety and welfare of the Inhabitants of the Town of Gouldsboro by regulating the use of exploding targets within the town.

**DEFINITIONS:**

1. **Exploding Target:** Any device which explodes upon impact by a projectile fired from a firearm. This includes and is not limited to, binary exploding targets made of separately packaged “fuel” and “oxidizer” that must be mixed to make the explosive device “live” (such as – but not limited to, targets marketed under the name Tannerite, Star and Sure-shot).
2. **Detonate:** To explode with violence and/or no noise.

**ACTIONS PROHIBITED:** It shall be unlawful for any person with the limits of the Town of Gouldsboro to detonate an exploding target as defined above.

**PENALTY:**

1. Upon a first violation of the prohibition set forth in this Ordinance, only a warning will be issued. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 shall be imposed for any subsequent violation of the prohibition set forth in this Ordinance.
2. In the event an action in District Court is authorized to enforce this Ordinance, and the Town is the prevailing party, the violator shall also be responsible for the attorney fees and costs incurred by the Town in bringing such action.

**ENFORCEMENT:** Any law enforcement officer will enforce this Ordinance by issuing a summons and testifying in District Court to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance; and to take whatever other actions are necessary to collect any judgment. The Code Enforcement Officer shall contact law enforcement upon learning of a violation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the legislative body of the Town of Gouldsboro.

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Attest: Yvonne P. Wilkinson, Town Clerk  
June 15, 2022