

## **Bartlett Police Remind Residents that BB, Pellet, Airsoft, and Paintball Guns Are Prohibited**

With the summer months approaching, the Bartlett Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children that airsoft, pellet, paintball, and BB guns are illegal within the Village of Bartlett. These items pose a dangerous risk to the individuals playing with them. There have been several reports of property damage and serious injuries caused by these types of weapons. It also poses a dangerous risk for the police department because the replicas have all the markings of real guns except for the orange tip on the muzzle, including the trademarks of the real gun manufactures.

Per ordinance **5-4-7 Possession of Dangerous Weapons**, “No person shall carry or possess any dangerous weapon within classification 5-4-1, except for curio dangerous weapons” and “No person shall carry or possess with the intent to use the same unlawfully against another any dangerous weapon within classification 5-4-1, or any curio dangerous weapons.” A portion of the dangerous weapon ordinance definitions includes firearms, which are defined as “any device including but not limited to pistols, handguns, air guns, air rifles, air pistols or short barrel rifles, shotguns, rifles, pneumatic guns, rockets and any other device by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas...”

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