



## LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT



DATE: October 30, 2006

TO: William T. Lichter  
Village Manager

FROM: Ray Byrne  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment – Dangerous Weapons**

Attached to this correspondence you will find a proposal for a minor amendment to section 130.20(A) of the Lombard Village Code. The amendment was prompted by a request from Trustee Gron following an inquiry from a resident. Section 130.20(A) currently prohibits the possession of several dangerous weapons in the Village with some limited exceptions.

The proposed amendment would add bows and arrows, crossbows, slingshots and wrist rockets to the existing list of prohibited weapons. The amendment was prompted by an incident where a resident was shooting a bow and arrow in a back yard. Fortunately, incidents of this nature are very rare. However, in those limited circumstances where enforcement becomes necessary, clear and specific language that delineates exactly what is prohibited eliminates any ambiguities. In the inquiry Trustee Gron received, enforcement would have been difficult since bows and arrows are not currently defined as prohibited or dangerous weapons.

If you should have any questions about the proposed amendment, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Dep. Chief Cuny  
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