

**ORDINANCE NO. 01708-67**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING GALLATIN MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12-11 BY THE ADDITION OF LANGUAGE IN REFERENCE TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE GALLATIN CITY LIMITS**

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed in the public interest to amend the Gallatin Municipal Code from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and City Council have determined upon the recommendation of the Gallatin Police Department that the City of Gallatin Municipal Code Chapter 12, Section 12-11, shall be amended by the addition of language in reference to the discharge of firearms within the Gallatin city limits,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GALLATIN, TENNESSEE**, that the Gallatin Municipal Code, Chapter 12, Section 12-11, be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

**Section 12-11 Weapons and firearms generally**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms or other weapons in the city on public property, provided this prohibition shall not apply to bona fide law enforcement officers lawfully engaged in their official duties, nor shall it apply to supervised shoots, gun safety demonstrations or similar organized events for which permission has been given by the Chief of Police. The city may require written release and proof of adequate liability insurance coverage.
- (b) Except for authorized indoor firing ranges, it shall be unlawful to discharge firearms or other weapons on private property without the written permission of the landowner (or the person in possession or control of the property and having authority from the owner to give such permission) and subject to the provisions set forth below:
  - (1) On generally vacant, undeveloped land exceeding five acres in size; and
  - (2) At a minimum distance of 400 feet from any public road, right-of-way, or adjacent property.
  - (3) Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm other than a shotgun on such property.
- (c) No owner or person in possession or control of any private property shall give written permission to discharge firearms or other weapons, unless such property is an authorized indoor firing range or generally vacant, undeveloped land and exceeds five acres in size

and unless the owner requires that the discharge of such firearms or weapons shall not occur within 400 feet from any public road, right-of-way, or any adjacent property, nor shall such permission be granted to allow the discharge of any firearm other than a shotgun.

“Shotgun” as used in this section shall mean a shoulder-held firearm that fires multiple pellets through a smooth bore.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GALLATIN, TENNESSEE**, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, the public welfare requiring such.

PASSED FIRST READING: August 15, 2017.

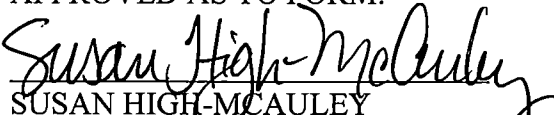
PASSED SECOND READING: September 5, 2017.

  
MAYOR PAIGE BROWN

ATTEST:

  
CONNIE KITTRELL  
CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
SUSAN HIGH-MCAULEY  
CITY ATTORNEY