

ORDINANCE
FIREARMS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
#12 – 03

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS AND THE UNSAFE THROWING OF PROJECTILES; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Dublin, Georgia finds that it is unsafe to discharge weapons inside the corporate limits where people and business are located in close proximity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dublin, Georgia finds that it is unsafe to throw projectiles in disregard of the safety of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the current code sections regulating these matters are in need of amendment to both restrict some things not currently covered, and to allow other things that are overly restricted,

THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1.

The Code of the City of Dublin, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Sec. 14-20 to read as follows:

Sec. 14-20. - Discharging firearms, air guns, etc.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to discharge any weapon except:
 - (1) By an officer of the law or member of the military in the performance of his duty;
 - (2) In properly zoned and properly constructed permanent indoor ranges, which have been permitted and licensed by the city.
 - (3) Persons using air guns at temporary, organized events under the direct supervision of an adult over the age of eighteen, with the written permission of the City Manager or his designee;
 - (4) For defense of person or property, where such defense would constitute legal justification under state law.
 - (5) Persons using bows or cross bows, BB guns, slingshots, paintball guns or similar weapons on tracts of land containing 20 or more acres, but in no case shall such be used within three hundred (300) yards of any street, alley or building, or at any point upon the land of another person without the express consent of the owner or occupant thereof, and only if the projectile fired is certain not to leave the exempted tract.
- (b) "Weapon" for purposes of this code section shall include any type firearm, gun, cannon, pistol, air-gun, BB gun, bow, cross-bow, slingshot, paintball gun, or any device designed or intended to propel a shot, bullet, or other missile of any kind, or any device capable of discharging a projectile by air, spirit, gas or explosive.
- (c) In addition to the penalty for the violation of this section, the municipal court judge may order any weapon seized in connection with such violation to be forfeited to the city and the same shall be disposed of by the chief of police pursuant to the law.

Section 2.

The Code of the City of Dublin, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Sec. 14-21 to read as follows:

Sec. 14-21. - Throwing of missiles.

It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to maliciously, or with disregard of safety, throw any stone, rock, arrow, or other missile.

Section 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that each section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is individually severable. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other.

Section 4.

Unless otherwise provided herein, penalties provided for violations of this Ordinance are set out in Sec. 1-10 of the Code or Ordinances, City of Dublin, Georgia and are hereby incorporated as if set out fully.

Section 5.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 6.

The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

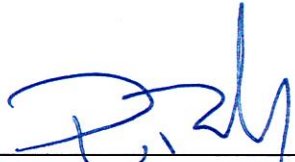
Section 7.

It is in the intention of the governing body, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Dublin, Georgia, shall be codified as such, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

Section 8.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council.

SO ORDAINED this 2nd day of *February* 2012 by a vote of (7) FOR and (0) AGAINST.



PHIL BEST, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



JOE M. KINARD, III, CITY CLERK

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