

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.1.5 OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12, PUBLIC SAFETY REGULATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Section 2.1.5 of North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 12, Public Safety Regulations, makes it unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within the City except as authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, there are certain areas within the City which may be appropriate for use as a shooting range and which do not create any risk or hazard to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of North Little Rock and its citizens to amend the North Little Rock Municipal Code to exempt shooting ranges that have been approved by the City Council from the prohibition of Section 2.1.5 of Chapter 12 of the North Little Rock Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Section 2.1.5 of North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 12, Public Safety Regulations, is hereby amended as follows:

**Editor’s note:** Deletions are denoted in “red” by ~~strikethrough~~ and additions in “blue” by underline.

**2.1.5 Discharging firearms.**

Except as authorized by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within the city; provided, however, that the City Council may, by ordinance, exempt specifically authorized shooting ranges from the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that there is an immediate need for an amendment to the North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 12, Public Safety Regulations; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

*Joe A. Smith*  
Mayor Joe A. Smith *by AF*

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Amy Beckman Fields*  
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/ABF

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