

ORDINANCE 921

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XIII, CHAPTER 131, AMENDING SECTIONS 131.01 RELATED TO DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS; ALLOWING FOR CITY PERSONNEL TO DISCHARGE DEVICES FOR THE CONTROL OF WATERFOWL IN CITY PARKS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title XIII, Chapter 131, is hereby amended by amending Section 131.01 of the Gothenburg Municipal Code to read as follows:

§ 131.01 DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS.

(A) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, except an officer of the law in the discharge of his or her official duty, to fire or discharge any gun, pistol, or other fowling piece within the city; provided, nothing herein shall be construed to apply to officially sanctioned public celebrations if the persons so discharging firearms have written permission from the City Council; provided further it shall not be a violation of this section to discharge a firearm in an approved firing range in the city limits.

(2) An **APPROVED FIRING RANGE** shall mean a firearms range which is constructed and operated pursuant to a set of posted rules, all of which meet or exceed the standards for firing ranges adopted from time to time by the National Rifle Association, and which has been inspected and approved by the Chief of Police of the city as being in compliance with the standards.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a slingshot, air gun, BB gun, or arrow from a bow, or the like loaded with rock or other dangerous missiles, out of doors at anytime or under any circumstances within the city, except under the direct supervision of a governmental or educational institution, or in areas approved by the City Council.

(C) It shall not be a violation of this section for an employee of the City, with consent of the Mayor, to discharge a device utilized to haze or control waterfowl in city parks.

Exhibit A
Previous Code Sections

§ 131.01 DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS.

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(Neb. RS 17-556) (Prior Code, § 6-303)

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a slingshot, air gun, BB gun, or arrow from a bow, or the like loaded with rock or other dangerous missiles, out of doors at anytime or under any circumstances within the city, except under the direct supervision of a governmental or educational institution, or in areas approved by the City Council.

(Prior Code, § 6-304)

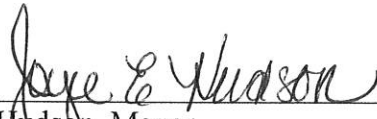
Penalty, see § 131.99

Section 4. A copy of prior Section 131.01 is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

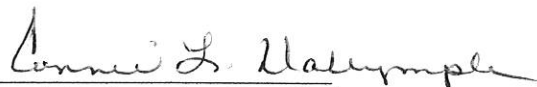
Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective after its posting and publication as provided by law. Passed and approved this 18th day of August, 2015.

City of Gothenburg,



Joyce Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Dalrymple, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael L. Bacon, City Attorney