

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO, ARKANSAS; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING THE REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the Murfreesboro City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the City of Murfreesboro to regulate the discharge of firearms and other weapons.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MURFREESBORO, PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a pistol, rifle, or shotgun within the corporate city limits of the City of Murfreesboro, except:

- A) by a duly authorized law enforcement or animal control officer, when necessary, in the performance of his or her official duties, or
- B) by a person acting in defense of his life or that of another person as stated in Arkansas Annotated Code, or
- C) by a person engaged in lawful participation in a sporting activity including skeet shooting or trap shooting, under the direction of the South Pike County School District and their policies.

SECTION 2. The use of any pellet, BB gun or any kind of air gun is permitted, but it is a violation of this Ordinance to cause any injury to persons or pets or to damage property. Children under the age of sixteen (16) must always be supervised by an adult during the use of these weapons.

SECTION 3. Any firearm or other weapon used in the commission of a violation of this ordinance where safety is an issue may be seized by law enforcement, and at the officer's discretion, be held until such time the offense is properly adjudicated.

SECTION 4. A violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500.00 plus costs or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, phrases, and provisions of this Ordinance.

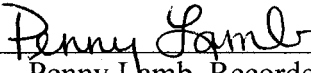
SECTION 6. This ordinance repeals any ordinances and/or parts thereof in conflict herewith.

SECTION 7. The Murfreesboro City Council finds that the regulation of firearms and other weapons within the city is necessary for the preservation of the public's peace, health, safety,

welfare, and property, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and that this Ordinance is to be in effect immediately upon its passage and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF October 2023.

Approved: 
Jim O'Neal, Mayor

Attest: 
Penny Lamb, Recorder/Treasurer