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ORDINANCE NO: ORD- 2014-002

CITY ORDINANCE OF MAYSVILLE, GEORGIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPEALING ORDINANCE 95-3 AND ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN MAYSVILLE AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Authority.

Section 2. Definitions.

Section 3. Discharge of Firearm Prohibited.

Section 1. Authority. The Maysville City Council does now exercise its authority as granted by Georgia Law O.C.G.A. § 16-11-173(e) to control the discharge of firearms within the incorporated boundaries of Maysville, Georgia.

Section 2. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases when used in this article shall have the meaning described to them in this section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Firearm.* Firearm shall mean and include any handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge.

Section 3. Discharge of Firearms.

(a) Prohibited within City limits unless excepted. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within the City limits, except as follows.

(1) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the discharge of a firearm at a lawfully operated and permitted commercial range for target practice.

(2) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the discharge of a firearm in defense of life and property as allowed under Georgia law.

(3) Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit the discharge of a firearm upon a parcel of property at least 35 acres in size, provided such discharge is with the express permission of the owner of such property and under the direct supervision and control of such owner, and provided further that any projectile discharged from such firearm is safely contained upon such property, and such discharge and containment occur at least 300 feet from the nearest adjacent residence to such property, and the sound from such discharge does not violate any duly adopted noise ordinance or state law. The owner of such property shall be directly responsible for compliance herewith, and for any violations of such ordinance that occur upon such owner's property.

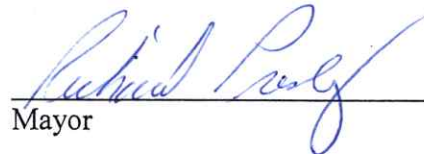
(4) Nothing shall prohibit the discharge of a firearm by the enforcement officers of the city, county, state, or federal agencies engaged in the line of duty.

Section 4. Penalty for violation.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided by law or under any ordinance of the City of Maysville setting fines for such violation, as determined by any appropriate court. Such persons shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every discharge of a firearm in violation of the provisions of this article, and shall be punished accordingly.

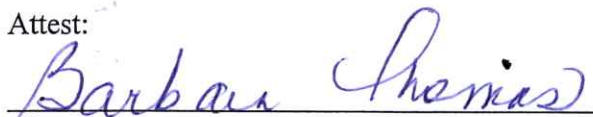
Section 5. Upon adoption, Ordinance 95-3 prohibiting discharge of firearms within the City limits is repealed.

Passed and adopted by the Maysville City Council this 6 day of October, 2014.

  
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Mayor

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Attest:

  
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City Clerk