

BILL NO. 4745

ORDINANCE NO. 4745

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SECTION TO THE CITY CODE:

CHAPTER 28, OFFENSES, ARTICLE III – OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, SECTION 28-83 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council of West Plains, Missouri, that the safety and welfare of the residents of the City of West Plains will be promoted by amending and replacing the above section of the existing City Code of West Plains, Missouri, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enact an ordinance amending and replacing the above sections of the existing City Code of West Plains, Missouri, to promote the safety and welfare of the residents of the City of West Plains, Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI, THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CITY CODE AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 28 - OFFENSES

Article III - OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Section 28-83. – Discharge of Firearms

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged any firearm within the city; or to hunt with other weapons, specifically to include, but not limited to, bows and arrows, crossbows, or similar devices; provided, that this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her official duties, nor to any other person whose willful act is otherwise justifiable or excusable at law in the protection of his or her life or property, or that of another, or as otherwise specifically authorized by law; provided further, that this section shall not apply to any person shooting in licensed shooting galleries or shooting inside a building on a shooting range so constructed as to prevent the shot, projectile or other missile which has been fired from escaping or ricocheting; provided further, that this section shall not apply to any citizen who, having obtained permission and a permit from the chief of police, may shoot at rats, birds or other noxious animals upon his or her premises.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect after the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF September, 2023.

CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI


MICHAEL TOPLIFF, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Allison Skinner
ALLISON SKINNER, CITY CLERK