



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2021

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AGENDA CONTENT: Conduct a public hearing, discussion, and possible action on an ordinance amending Section 28-109 of the City of Angleton Code of ordinances related to the definition of home occupations to allow gunsmithing and firearms sales as permissible home occupations.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Public Hearing

BUDGETED AMOUNT: None

FUNDS REQUESTED: None

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the direction of the City Manager, the City Attorney's firm has prepared an ordinance to amend Section 28-109 Home Occupation Regulations related to the definition of home occupations to allow gunsmithing and firearms sales as permissible home occupations. Many gunsmiths do their work from home and sell some firearms. Part of the federal permitting process is confirmation by the municipality (if the applicant resides within a municipality's zoning jurisdiction) that the property is properly zoned for the gunsmithing/firearms sale use. The use itself has very little impact and permitting it as a home occupation is preferable to having applicant's attempt to rezone to a commercial district that would allow the use.

Attached are redlined and clean versions of the proposed ordinance for Commission review and recommendation.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on April 1, 2021 and recommends approval (4 in-favor/3 opposed/0 abstentions or absent) of the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.