



Bill No. 5012
Ordinance No. _____

INTRODUCED BY
ALDERMEN UTT, FINLEY, STALLMANN, HAUG, FLEMING, WEAVER, LEHMKUHL, SIEGEL

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM WITHIN OR INTO THE CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman has determined that the Offenses Against Public Health and Safety section should be revised to be consistent with Missouri Revised Statute 571.031, also known as Blair's Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection (a)(3) of Chapter 17, Article III, Division I shall be repealed.

Section 2. Chapter 17, Article III, Division I, shall be amended by adding municipal ordinance Section 17.54.1, as follows:

Sec. 17.54.1 – Unlawful discharge of a firearm

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm if he or she recklessly discharges a firearm within or into the city limits.

(b) This section shall not apply if the firearm is discharged:

1. As allowed by a defense of justification under RSMo Chapter 563;
2. On a shooting range that is:
 - a. Indoor;
 - b. Owned or operated by the state or any political subdivision;
 - c. A commercial shooting range, including any range used by paying members; and
 - d. Supervised by any person eighteen years of age or older;
3. For the control of nuisance wildlife as permitted by the department of conservation of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
4. By special permit of the chief of police;
5. As required by animal control officer in the performance of his or her duties;
6. Using blanks;
7. More than one-quarter mile of any occupied structure;
8. In self-defense or defense of another person against an imminent or ongoing animal attack unless the self-defense or defense of another person is a gross deviation from the standard of care which a reasonable person would exercise in the situation to protect oneself or the other person from such animal attack and such person shall not have a duty to retreat;
9. By law enforcement officers or a member of the United States Armed Forces if acting in an official capacity.



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Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

TIM POGUE, MAYOR

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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ATTEST: _____
ERIC STERMAN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR