

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Ordinance Revision  
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**Department:** Development Services  
**Meeting Date:** February 6, 2024  
**Item Description:** Consideration of an **amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II; Chapter 42 Offenses 42-7 – Firearms**

## Summary Recommendation

The county commissioners recommended a change to the county firearms ordinance. The proposed amendment was assigned to the Development Services Department for research and suggested changes. The text for most of this ordinance amendment is from the state model provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Adding the state definitions of terms for the ordinance.

## Executive Summary/Background

- The significant changes to the ordinance are the reduction of the yardage around dwellings from 300 yards to 75 yards.
- Most of the ordinance is the model ordinance provided by the Department of Natural Resources.
- The addition of the state requirement about discharging a firearm near a public highway.

## Alternatives

**Approve an amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II; Chapter 42 Offenses 42-7 – Firearms.**

**Deny an amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II; Chapter 42 Offenses 42-7 – Firearms.**

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2

**Department Review:** Development Services, County Attorney

**FUNDING:** N/A

**Attachments:** 1. Draft of Firearms ordinance amendment; Firearms Ordinance – Section 42.-7  
2. GA State Code 16-11-103