

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY – DISCHARGING WEAPONS.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Independence, Iowa:

**Section 1. SUBSECTION MODIFIED.** Subsection 41.11(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

1. It is unlawful for a person to discharge rifles, shotguns, revolvers, pistols, guns, pellet guns, or other firearms of any kind within the City limits. Law enforcement officers are exempt within the lawful scope of their duties.

**Section 2. SUBSECTION MODIFIED.** Subsection 41.11(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

3. No person shall hunt within the City limits except by written authorization of the Council. Any authorization for hunting enacted by the Council must be requested and renewed annually prior to any hunting occurring within City limits. No firearms of any type, including antique firearms, may be used for hunting within the City limits.

**Section 3. NEW SUBSECTION.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Subsection 41.11(4), which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

4. In the event a hunting party is seeking permission, each member of the party must submit a written request and be approved by the City Council prior to any hunting occurring within City limits.

**Section 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 5. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 202\_\_.

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Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, IA

ATTEST:

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Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO, City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 2024- on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 202\_\_.

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Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO, City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA