



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: November 27, 2023

ITEM TITLE: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Public Health and Safety – Discharging Weapons – First Reading

BACKGROUND:

This item was discussed at the November 6, 2023, City Council Work Session at the request of a Council Member. Discussion was in regard to the time frame an individual or individuals should have permission to hunt within City limits and to clarify the approved individual(s) that have permission.

DISCUSSION:

The attached Ordinance was prepared by City Staff in an attempt to address the requests of the majority of Council Members as discussed at the Work Session. Further adaption of the language can be done via any motion to approve the First Reading should additional discussion and modification be needed.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by codifying requirements around hunting within the City limits of Independence.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There will be publication costs related to the ordinance summary being published and then costs to Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification when the next code supplement is done.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading, waive the second and third readings, adopt the ordinance change during this meeting, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The changes will be effective upon the ordinance summary being published in the newspapers.