

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: February 5, 2024

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

DISCUSSION:

This item was discussed at the November 6, 2023, City Council Work Session at the request of a Council Member, as well as the January 2, 2024, City Council Work Session. The discussion was regarding 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. This was on the November 27, 2023, agenda for the first reading, but was tabled to be discussed at this meeting. During the discussion at the January 2, 2024 meeting, it was requested that this be tabled until the February Work Session for further 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, however, Staff understands and is ready to make additional modifications as discussed during this Work Session so that the Ordinance can be brought forward for final consideration and approval at an upcoming City Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.