

**CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2169**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS TO ALLOW HUNTING ON ANNEXED TRACTS OF LAND UPON WHICH HUNTING HAD BEEN PERMITTED BY COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ANNEXATION; PROVIDING CERTAIN SAFETY REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMINATION OF SUCH HUNTING UPON ANY ZONING RECLASSIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake City, Florida, (hereinafter the "City"), is a municipality which has the authority to regulate the discharge of firearms within its municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, in general, the discharge of firearms is prohibited within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City provides for hunting on some limited tracts of land; and

**WHEREAS**, the City on occasion annexes lands upon which hunting had been permitted by Columbia County, Florida, and

**WHEREAS**, the City does not desire to terminate the privilege of hunting on such annexed land just because of the annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to "borrow" Columbia County's hunting regulations for the annexed property; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of the Columbia County regulations should cease whenever the zoning classification of an annexed tract of land changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are all true and accurate and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this ordinance.

**Section 2.** That Section 66-5, of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

#### SECTION 66-5 Same - Discharge

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly discharge a gun, pistol, rifle, shotgun or any type of firearm in any public place, or on the rights-of-way of any public road, highway or street, or on any public or private premises within the corporate limits of the city. This section does not apply to either:

(1) Any person lawfully defending life or property, or performing official duties requiring the discharge of a firearm; or

(2) Any person lawfully engaged in hunting upon any tract of land containing 300 or more contiguous acres of unimproved and unoccupied land, provided that such hunting shall not be permitted within 100 feet of any public road which either bounds or traverses such unimproved and unoccupied tract of land; or

(3) Any person lawfully engaged in hunting upon any tract of land which (a) contains more than twelve (12) contiguous acres, whether improved and or occupied, and (b) which is zoned under the zoning classification of "A" agricultural, and (e) is not within 500 feet of a public road and (c) is not part of any recorded residential subdivision, provided that such hunting shall not be permitted within 500 feet of a public road and (e) is not within 500 feet or of any lot in any existing recorded residential subdivision; or

(4) Any person lawfully engaged in hunting upon any (a) unimproved and unoccupied tract of land, (b) annexed by the City of Lake City, (c) upon which hunting had been permitted by Columbia County immediately prior to said annexation, and (d) which land retains its Columbia County Zoning Classification, provided that such hunting shall not be permitted within 500 feet of a public road or of any lot in any existing recorded residential subdivision.

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided for in section 1-11.

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**Section 3. Severability.** If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Conflict.** All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5. Codification.** It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

**PASSED** upon first reading this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

**NOTICE PUBLISHED** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2020.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

**CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frederick L. Koberlein, Jr.,  
City Attorney

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Passed on first reading on October 19, 2020

**Record of Vote on First Reading**

	For	Against	Absent	Abstain
Stephen Witt, Mayor/Council Member	✓	_____	_____	_____
Chris Greene, Council Member	✓	_____	_____	_____
Jake Hill, Jr., Council Member	✓	_____	_____	_____
Eugene Jefferson, Council Member	✓	_____	_____	_____
Melinda Moses, Council Member	✓	_____	_____	_____

**Certification**

I, Audrey Sikes, City Clerk for the City of Lake City, Florida, hereby certify that the above record vote is an accurate and correct record of the votes taken on the Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Lake City.

  
AUDREY E. SIKES, MMC  
City Clerk