
To: *Planning and Zoning Commission*

From: *Planning Staff*

Subject: *Shooting Range (Agenda Item 5)*

Meeting: *March 27, 2023*

Public Hearing to consider:

Notice of Public Hearing for a text amendment application submitted by City of Moberly in Article III, Section 46-118 on Shooting Range.

Comments:

Recent development discussions and possible expansions of the businesses associated with Firearms has continued to grow in Moberly, MO. After discussion with Planning and Zoning last month, the following amendments have been recommended as changes to the use table and regulations with respect to Shooting Ranges in Moberly.

Current regulations allow shooting ranges in M-1 district only and do not specify the difference between an indoor and outdoor range.

The proposed text amendment would specify the shooting ranges in the code be identified as Indoor Shooting Ranges. As an indoor Range it has been discussed and proposed that they be listed as a conditional use in M-1 Districts and B-3 Districts. Both of which will allow adequate review and protection of surrounding properties in those districts for this type of indoor business. This also will eliminate the chance of having outdoor shooting ranges within the city limits.

City Staff Review:

The proposed Text amendment is the basic recommendations for expanding the options of locations for indoor shooting ranges in Moberly, MO. It also eliminates the ability to consider an outdoor shooting range within the city limits of Moberly.

City Staff will be working with the City Attorney to propose a clarification in other chapters as well as proposed future legislation that will separate shooting ranges into Firearm classifications and other weapon discharges to allow for archery ranges, Air Rifles ranges, etc which are currently not identified separately. This will eventually create a new classification of weapon discharge that will have a separate use group and permitted zones for growth of businesses. This is still in the works, with the intention that the above legislation will be firearm related shooting ranges.

City staff recommend acceptance of the codes proposed as written as a proposed text amendment.