



## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 23-43 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II, Chapter 215, Article 215-IV of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Repealing Subsection (G) of Section 215.840 (“Weapons-Carrying Concealed-Other Unlawful Use”).

Submitted By: Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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### **Issue Statement**

The consolidation agreement with Brookline contained a provision to amend or adjust the City’s ordinances to make reasonable allowance for hunting in the larger open areas in the former village.

### **Discussion and/or Analysis**

In 2008, City Council passed an amendment to allow for the discharge of a firearm under certain circumstances to address the provisions contained in the Brookline Consolidation Agreement. A sunset provision was placed in the Ordinance, which was originally set to expire at the end of 2011. The City Council has chosen to extend the sunset provisions every two years since the original sunset date; however, the provision expired in December of 2022. The ordinances extended by two-year periods to reassess the viability of continuing the exception to the offense of unlawful use of weapons.

Staff believes that based upon the pace of development in the area, an extension of the sunset provision is no longer appropriate, and the allowance of the exception to the offense is no longer viable. Since the consolidation of Brookline, over 1,000 acres of land has been annexed into city limits in the former Brookline area and over 400 of the agriculturally zoned property in the area has been rezoned to commercial and industrial property. With the industrialization of the area and higher traffic counts, the safety of continuing hunting in the area is of greater concern. Due to the concerns for the safety of those in and traveling through the area, staff recommends repealing Section 215.840, subsection G in its entirety.

### **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends approval.