

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE II, CHAPTER 215, ARTICLE 215-VI OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, BY REPEALING SUBSECTION (G) OF SECTION 215.840 (“WEAPONS-CARRYING CONCEALED-OTHER UNLAWFUL USE”)

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri, (“City” or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Section 215.840(G) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri (“City Code”) provides a limited exception to the general prohibition against the use and discharge of firearms in City limits, for game use of specified firearms in certain areas and under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, by its terms, the exception set forth in City Code Section 215.840(G) sunsets every two (2) years, unless extended or modified by City Council, to allow for the City to assess the state of development and growth in the affected area; and

WHEREAS, since the initial sunset expiration in 2011, the Council has voted to extend the sunset expiration date by an additional two (2) years, based upon updates and information on development in the area provided by staff; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2022, the current codified sunset expiration date, the exception in Section 215.804(G) is no longer in force and effect; and

WHEREAS, due to the increasing pace of development and industrialization in the affected area, and higher traffic counts through the area, the Council believes another extension of the sunset expiration is no longer appropriate or advisable, as such extension would compromise the safety of residents and other persons traveling in and through the area; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons stated above, the Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to repeal subsection G of Section 215.840 in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Title II (“Public Health, Safety and Welfare”), Chapter 215 (“Offenses”), Article 215-VI (“Offenses Concerning Weapons and Firearms”), Section 215.840 (“Weapons – Carrying Concealed – Other Unlawful Use”) is hereby amended by repealing in its entirety Subsection G of Section 215.840 (Section 215.840(G)).

Section 2: All remaining provisions of Section 215.840 not repealed or modified by this Ordinance, and all other Sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri not specifically referenced in this Ordinance shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

Section 3: The City Administrator or his/her designee, on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to execute this Ordinance.

Section 4: The WHEREAS clauses above are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Section 5: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provisions hereof are declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Attest:

Matt Russell, Mayor

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: