



## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 20-57 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title II, "Public Health, Safety and Welfare," Chapter 215, "Offenses," Article IV, "Offenses Concerning Weapons and Firearms," Regarding Extending the Sunset Date for Hunting in Certain Agricultural Areas in the City.

Submitted By: Scott Ison, City Attorney

Date: December 8, 2020

### **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. In order to review development in the area and continued allowance for the discharge of firearms under certain conditions, a sunset provision was placed in the Ordinance, which was originally set to expire at the end of 2011. This sunset has never expired as the City Council has chosen to extend the sunset provisions every two years since the original sunset date.

Staff believes that based upon the pace of development in the area, an extension of the sunset provision would be appropriate to allow the exception to continue through the end of 2022. Should the pace of development increase or any problems arise from this exception, the City Council can revisit the issue before the end of 2022. Staff is not aware of any issues that the extension of the sunset provision would create, nor have there been any issues that have surfaced since the passage of the amended language in 2008.

### **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends approval.