

Members of the permit and zoning board,

My name is Collin Parsons. I have been a resident of Stephenville and Erath county since 2011. I received an engineering degree at Tarleton State and have remained in the community as the general manager of Stephenville Golf Carts. I have also been a practicing machinist, fabricator, and gunsmith for many years. I primarily pursue this as a hobby, but I am regularly asked by friends and family to do repairs and modifications to their firearms. It is legal to do gunsmithing work on firearms belonging to someone else without holding a federal firearms license. However, a gunsmith is not permitted to be in the possession of anyone's firearm for more than 24 hours without holding a federal firearms license and keeping record of said firearms changing possession. Many gunsmithing operations require more time than that for machining, curing of epoxies and coatings, or simply waiting on components to arrive. I am requesting a waiver to operate a business out of my home so that I may apply for a federal firearms license. I do not want to try to operate a retail business or even a business that would become my primary source of income. I simply want to be able to legally work on firearms for a small number of friends and family, or conduct transfers for them. I appreciate that my home is in a safe, family friendly neighborhood and I will not let that change on my account. Safety is paramount to everything I do with machining and firearms. I have many years of machining and firearms experience, gained from some extremely talented, accomplished professionals within this community. My shop is a separate secure structure from my home that stays locked unless I am in it. Any firearms in my shop are also secured in a safe or locked metal cabinet, and are NEVER loaded with live ammunition while on my property.

I hope that you will consider my request for this zoning waiver with regards to my intentions. I welcome any questions about my processes or safety precautions.

Thank you for your time,

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