

ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2022-10

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-81-2 DATED THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 1981 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 22-36. – Discharging firearms.

It shall be unlawful for any person not authorized by the police department to discharge any firearm within the city limits or the police jurisdiction of the city.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to maintain or operated any form of outdoor shooting range or club, outdoor skeet range or club, or shooting gallery within the corporate city limits, except as provided herein.

(b) Discharging firearms within the city limits or the police jurisdiction of the city shall be lawful for the following purposes:

(1)Duly authorized peace officers in the performance of their duties;

(2)Members of the military forces of the state or United States in the performance of their duties;

(3)Persons exercising the right of self-defense or the defense of others;

(4)Any person who is hunting legally within the guidelines of the State of Alabama Department of Conservation, Fish and Game Laws including all safe distance requirements, and in addition the following:

(a) A one hundred and fifty (150) yards no shooting buffer around the property;

(b) All shots shall be fired in a direction to ensure all the shot is confined to the property;

(c) Shooting only allowed from sunrise up to sunset;

(d) No shooting on any property within one hundred and fifty yards (150) of property owned by the City of Geneva while any city sponsored events or permitted events are being held;

(e) No person shall hunt any wild game with a firearm within a distance of one hundred (100) yards of any public street, road, highway, residence or place of business;

(f) Legal hunting as it pertains to firearms, as referenced in this section, is defined as the legal hunting of game birds and animals with a rifle, pistol, shotgun or other such firearm.

(g) Each violation of this section shall be a separate offense. Anyone who is found in violation of this article shall be guilty of an ordinance violation and shall be fined from a range of a

minimum of \$250.00 to a maximum of \$500.00 per offense and/or sentenced to thirty (30) days in jail.

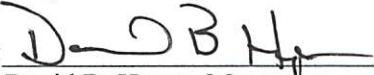
The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of the Ordinance shall not affect any other provision, if any clause, sentence, section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid or inoperative or unenforceable, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

This ordinance shall become effective on publication.

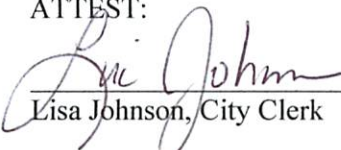
The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause this ordinance to be published one time in the Geneva County Reaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Geneva, Alabama.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 15th day of August, 2022.

The City of Geneva, Alabama

By: 
David B. Hayes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lisa Johnson, City Clerk