

Amendment to Ordinance 19
PROHIBITION OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

PREAMBLE

It is the responsibility of the city to protect the safety and well-being of the residents of Lake City from the misuse of firearms within the city limits. The close proximity of the houses in Lake City the use of firearms is a threat to the safety of the residents, visitors, pets, and personal property.

ORDAINING CLAUSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE CITY, TEXAS

SECTION I

AUTHORIZATION

The mayor or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this ordinance upon his/her determination that such action is necessary to protect the public welfare and safety of the residents, visitors, pets, and personal property.

SECTION II

APPLICATION

The application of this ordinance shall apply to persons, residents, guests, and renters within the city of Lake City Texas.

No discharging of firearms in the city limits for the purpose of hunting.

No discharging of firearms in the city limits for the purpose of entertainment or celebration of holidays.

The ONLY exception to discharging firearms in the city limits is when a resident feel threatened and no other action has resolved the issue. Prevent or protect pets or people from other vicious animal attacks such as snakes, rodents and dogs and other types of animals that may be carriers of rabies.

SECTION III

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

SECTION IV

SEVERABILITY

If for any reason any section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section of this Ordinance for it is the intent of this City that each of such be given full force and intent for its purpose.

SECTION V

PENALTY

A violation of this Ordinance can result in a fine plus court costs if the court so orders.

The fines are as follows:

- 1st Offense \$200.00 plus court costs
- 2nd Offense \$300.00 plus court costs
- 3rd Offense \$400.00 plus court costs

If an offense occurs on rental property located within the city limits of Lake City the city may hold the landlord of the tenant(s) responsible for not having the tenant(s) comply with said ordinance.

CONCLUSION

READ, APPROVED, AND PASSED ON THIS 1st DAY OF September, 2022.

Shannan L Smith

SHANNAN SMITH
Mayor of Lake City

ATTEST

I, Debbie Holt, City Secretary of Lake City, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 19, passed and approved by the City Council of Lake City, Texas, at a meeting held on the 1st day of September, 2022.

Debbie Holt

Debbie Holt
City Secretary

1st Reading 8/16/22
2nd Reading 9/1/22
Revised 9/1/22

In the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, the City of Lake City began a project to convert pertinent ordinances in the format recommended by the Texas Municipal League. Ordinance 19 is one of those ordinances.



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FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE - VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE #19

Date of Notice: _____ Location of Violation: _____

Notice Served By:

- In Person (To Whom) _____
- Regular US Postal Service
- Registered US Postal Service

The City of Lake City Ordinance #19 states the discharging firearms are prohibited within the city limits of Lake City with few exceptions as defined in Ordinance 19.

Type of Violation:

- Discharge of firearms is prohibited in the city limits

Signature of person completing this notice

Title