ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-326

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 11, CHAPTER 3 OF THE TOWN OF WALDEN MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATIVE TO WEAPONS DISCHARGE AND FIREARMS

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-1314 preempts the whole field of the regulation of firearms and provides only limited authority to municipalities to enact any such regulation; and

WHEREAS, the current language in Title 11, Chapter 3, Section 11-301 of the Town of Walden Municipal Code is in conflict with the above referenced statute and outside the authority granted thereby; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-1311 et seq. establishes statutory requirements for carrying weapons in public parks, playgrounds, civic centers and other public recreational buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-1359 et seq. establishes when handgun carry permit holders shall be restricted from possession of firearms on Town owned properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALDEN, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION 1. Title 11, Chapter 3 of the Walden Municipal Code shall be deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced with the following language:

CHAPTER 3 FIREARMS SECTION

11-501. Firearms

11-502. Hunting

11-503. Possession of firearms in Town owned properties

11-301. <u>Firearms</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge firearms within the corporate limits of the Town of Walden, except when and where the discharge of a firearm is expressly authorized or permitted by state law and/or the regulations of the Tennessee Wildlife Commission.

11-502. <u>Hunting</u>. It shall be unlawful to hunt on any property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Town of Walden. Hunting on private property is controlled by and must comply with state law and/or the regulations of the Tennessee Wildlife Commission.

11-503. <u>Possession of firearms in Town owned properties</u>. In accordance with TCA 39-17-1359, the following regulations shall be strictly enforced. Violations are punishable to the extent allowable under state law.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by state law, firearms shall be prohibited on any Town owned or operated properties if in the possession of a person who does not hold a valid handgun carry permit issued or recognized by the State of Tennessee.
- (2) In general, persons who hold a valid handgun carry permit pursuant to TCA 39-17-1351 shall be able to lawfully possess a firearm on Town-owned property.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage as provided by law.

First Reading 2/12/19

Yea 3

Nay 0

Second Reading 3/12/19

Yea 3

Nay 0

William Trohanis, Mayor

Fern Lockhart, Recorder

March 19, 2019

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If any further information is required regarding this matter, please contact me at 886-4362.

Sincerely,

Fern Lockhart, Recorder



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