

ORDINANCE #147

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE,
ADOPTING A POLICY FOR FIREARMS, WEAPONS, OR MISSILES WITHIN
THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY.

THIS ORDINANCE REPLACES SECTION 11, CHAPTER 4 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Therefore: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND
CITY, TENNESSEE THAT:

SECTION 11-401. Weapons--discharging firearms--hunting restrictions. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, within the city, to discharge a gun or pistol, unless in defense of himself, his family, or the citizens of the city. Provided, however, that the discharge of certain types of weapons, under certain circumstances, in certain areas of the city be allowed under the terms and conditions hereinafter set out. It shall further be unlawful for anyone to hunt with a bow and arrow within the city limits except under the terms and conditions hereinafter set out.

(2) The following restrictions shall apply to hunting within the city limits with any sort of weapon (gun, pistol, bow and arrow):

A. Hunting will only be allowed with written permission of the landowner, which the hunter must carry and show to a City Police Officer or Tennessee Wildlife Officer if requested to do so.

B. Hunting will only be allowed in those areas of land approved in advance by the Mayor and City Council, and those areas MUST be clearly marked on a city map and displayed in the police department.

C. Each hunter must follow all state and federal hunting regulations.

D. In no case will hunting be allowed within 500 feet of any building or inhabited structure, a paved roadway, or a city park. Also, hunting will not be allowed within 500 feet of any adjacent property line UNLESS:

(1) The adjacent property owner has received permission for hunting on his property,

OR

(2) The adjacent property owner gives permission in writing to the landowner seeking permission,

OR

(3) The adjacent property is not in the city limits.

E. All hunters under the age of 18 shall be accompanied with a responsible adult 18 years old or older.

F. Any hunter requested to do so by an officer shall show the officer the written permission and a copy of these rules which shall be carried with the hunter when the hunter is hunting within the city limits.

G. Hunting will only be allowed within the city limits of Ashland City on undeveloped parcels of land of 15 contiguous acres or larger. In order for a parcel to qualify to be placed in a hunting zone, the landowner, or landowners, or their duly authorized agent and attorney in fact, must petition the mayor and city council for a resolution by the council to approve said parcel for hunting. A registry shall be kept by the appropriate city official concerning each parcel approved, said registry is to include whatever data the city from time to time deems necessary for proper record keeping.

H. Any land owner who seeks to have his property approved for a hunting zone, in his petition or application to the city, must agree that he/she will indemnify and hold harmless the city from all losses, court cost, legal expenses, etc., arising out of any claim for personal injuries or damages by any persons for occurrences upon the landowner's property.

I. SHOTGUNS will be the only firearm allowed and slugs will only be allowed for deer hunting. If slugs are used, they will not be fired at targets more than four (4) feet off the ground.

SECTION 11-402. Throwing missiles. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to throw any stone, snowball, bottle, club, brick-bats or any other missile from slings, by hand or otherwise within the city, so as to endanger life, limb, or property of any citizen.

SECTION 11-403. Discharge of air guns, spring guns, etc.. (1) It shall further be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any air gun or air pistol, spring gun or spring pistol, or any other device or firearm which is calculated or intended to propel or project a bullet, pellet, air or similar projectile, within the city limits, so as to endanger life, limb or property of any other resident of the city.

SECTION 11-404. EXEMPTIONS: Exempt from this ordinance will be the police firing range and the bow and arrow practice range associated with the Parks Department. Also exempt are privately owned and operated firing ranges.

This ordinance will take effect 20 days from passage of second reading, the public welfare requiring it.

1st Reading _____
Public Hearing _____
2nd Reading 3-12-96 defeated

Mayor

City Recorder