

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2007 – 56

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 62, OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, SO AS TO AMEND SAID CHAPTER AND TO DELETE IN ITS ENTIRETY THE PRESENT SECTION 62-5 "DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS", AND ITS SUBSECTIONS, AND TO SUBSTITUTE IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 62-5 "DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS", AND SUBSECTIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:

Section 1. The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part II, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, Chapter 62, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by deleting the present Section 62-5, entitled "Discharge of weapons", and substituting in lieu there of a new Section 62-5, "Discharge of weapons" to read as follows:

"Sec. 62-5. Discharge of weapons

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fire a gun, rifle, pistol, revolver, cannon, air rifle, firearm of any type or shoot a slingshot or bow and arrow within the unincorporated area of the county within 1,000 feet of any residence, place of worship, business or public meeting place; except, that this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer while in the discharge of his official duties, nor to any county animal control officer as provided below, nor to any person

hunting upon his own property or the premises of another with the owner's written consent in that area of the county zoned for agriculture by a zoning ordinance, order or resolution of the board of commissioners; provided that such person hunting on the premises of another shall at all times have the written permission of the owner of such property on his person.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit events commonly known as turkey shoots; provided, that before any turkey shoot may be held within the unincorporated area of the county, a permit therefor shall be acquired by the sponsoring entity. The permit shall be issued by the director of community development for no fee; provided that:

- (1) The sponsoring organization is charitable or nonprofit.
- (2) The applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the director of community development that it has made adequate provisions for and will provide for the safety of all participants and for members of the public at large.
- (3) No sponsoring organization may hold more than three turkey shoots in any calendar year.
- (4) Permits issued under this section shall be valid for 30 days from issuance.

(c) Clayton County animal control officers are authorized to possess and use self contained, compressed air powered rifles issued by the County for the specific intended purpose of sedation and capture of animals."

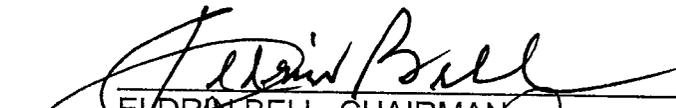
Section 2. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

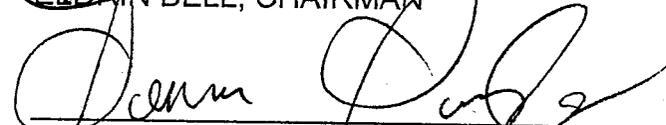
Section 3. If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of this enactment, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

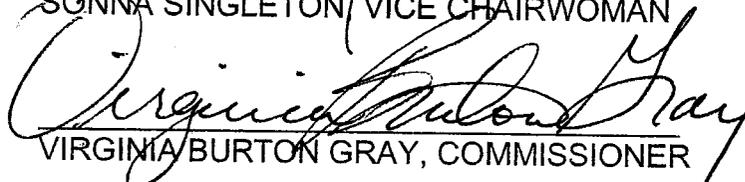
Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO ORDAINED, this the 20th day of March, 2007.

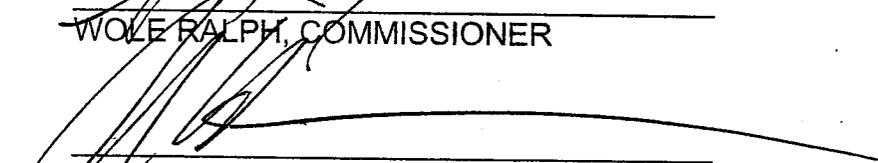
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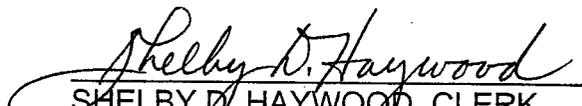

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