



AMENDING WEAPONS ORDINANCE

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Current Ordinance

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- Only allows discharge of air-powered weapons and archery devices in agricultural and agricultural single family residential zoned property
 - ▣ Air Powered Weapons: paintball gun, BB gun, pellet gun, air rifle or air pistol
 - ▣ Archery Device: bow, compound bow, crossbow, crossbow pistol, or any other device capable of firing an arrow or bolt
- This does not allow for paintball businesses

Proposed Amendments

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- Allow for discharge of air powered weapons and archery devices as part of a business located on property zoned B-5 Business District; and
- In accordance with state law, provide for an exception to enforcement that a restricted discharge occurred in the ETJ or in an area annexed after September 1, 1981, if the firearm or other weapon is:

Proposed Amendment, con't.

- A shotgun, air rifle or pistol, BB gun, or bow and arrow discharged:
 - on a tract of land of 10 acres or more and more than 150 feet from a residence or occupied building located on another property; and
 - In a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the boundary of the tract; OR
- A center fire or rim fire rifle or pistol of any caliber discharged:
 - On a tract of land of 50 acres or more and more than 300 feet from a residence or occupied building located on another property; and
 - In a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the boundary of the tract.

Alternatives

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- Adopt amendments allowing for paintball and similar air-powered weapon businesses in Killeen, and incorporating state-mandated defenses to prosecution; or
- Leave ordinance as currently written and continue to disallow paintball and similar air-powered weapon businesses, but continue to recognize state-mandated exceptions.

Recommendation

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Staff recommends amending the weapons ordinance to allow for air-powered weapon businesses and to incorporate state-mandated exceptions to prosecution