

ORDINANCE NO. 1051 (2016)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO AMENDING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS ORDINANCE AS CONTAINED IN SECTION 9.68.090 OF THE CRAIG MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR APPROPRIATE SHOOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES WITHIN CITY LIMITS; AND ADOPTING SECTION 9.68.095 TO PROHIBIT HUNTING GAME WITHIN CITY LIMITS

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Section 9.68.090 prohibits the discharge of firearms as defined within the City limits;

WHEREAS, there are sponsored youth shooting sports activities within the City such as those operated by 4-H, which operate with a high level of supervision and training by qualified adult leaders in an appropriate setting which does not endanger the safety of the public.

WHEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9.68,090 of the Craig Municipal Code shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

9.68.090 Discharge of Firearms

A. It is unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any cannon, gun, pistol or other firearm whatsoever within the city.

B. The following exceptions to the unlawful discharge of firearms exist:

1. The discharge of firearms using only blank ammunition by the members of any military company when on parade or when engaged in an official ceremony, and in accordance with the command of the commanding officer;

2. The discharge of firearms by any law enforcement officer in the discharge of his or her duty;

3. The discharge of firearms at shooting galleries or ranges as a licensed business or part of a business licensed or permitted to operate within the city limits;

4. The discharge of air guns, gas-powered guns and BB guns by participants or leaders of a sponsored youth shooting sports organization such as through the 4-H organization, which program includes safety training and supervision by qualified leaders in a location and manner that does not present danger to the public; or

5. Any other activity such as for exhibition, training, security, competition, or other activity which has been approved in advance by written authorization by the Chief of Police.

Section 2. A new Section 9.68.095 entitled “Hunting Prohibited” shall be adopted which reads in full as follows:

9.68.095 Hunting prohibited.

A. It is unlawful for any person to hunt small or large game animals for which a hunting license is normally required by the State of Colorado whether in season or any other time within the city limits.

B. The following exception applies and shall not be considered prohibited hunting, namely the destruction of game animals by a peace officer or other law enforcement such as the Colorado Division of Wildlife, whether such animals are injured, diseased or for management or interdiction reasons.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after passage and upon publication of such ordinance after passage.

Section 4. PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY: The City Council deems it appropriate to publish the title of this Ordinance, together with a summary of the Ordinance and with the statement that the text is available for public inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 5. PUBLIC PURPOSE: The City Council of the City of Craig herewith finds and determines that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the City’s authority to act under its police power to protect and preserve the general welfare of the City and its citizens.

READ, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

Ray Beck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Larson, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED AFTER HEARING ON SECOND READING THIS
____ DAY OF _____, 2016 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

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