

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUHARLEE, GEORGIA SITTING FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING THE CODE OF EUHARLEE REGARDING DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN THE CITY; REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUHARLEE, GEORGIA HELD ON 9 - 7 - 2010.

WHEREAS, the City of Euharlee has annexed large rural properties from time to time, upon which owners occasionally discharge firearms; and

WHEREAS, the existing restriction of use of firearms, slingshots, air rifles and bb guns is unduly restrictive and does not allow reasonable use of property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend its Code of Ordinances, Sec. 18-19.3 to permit more reasonable use of firearms in the City on large tract, and to allow use of slingshots, air rifles and bb guns and related non-explosive weapons in a safe and reasonable manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND IT HEREBY IS ORDAINED, by virtue of the authority vested in the City Council by law, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Euharlee is amended by deleting existing Section 18-19.3 and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 18-19.3 Discharge of Firearms

It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms in the City Limits of Euharlee, except under the following circumstances:

- a. Discharge by peace officer or other authorized law enforcement or government official when performing official duties.
- b. Discharge in self-defense or defense of others from a reasonable belief of imminent bodily injury.
- c. Discharge for hunting, target shooting or recreation purposes provided the firing occurs on property of at least two (2) acres, with permission of the owner, in a safe manner, not within 250 feet of any residence other than the property owners' residence. Firing ranges, gun clubs or similar activities are not permitted under this exception. Commercial activity (firing involving payment, membership, etc) is not permitted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Resolutions and Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed provided, however, that any portion of said Resolutions or Ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

SO ADOPTED this 7 day of 9-2010, to be effective immediately, the public health, safety and welfare demanding.

ATTEST:

CITY OF EUHARLEE, GEORGIA

Liz H. Dempsey, City Clerk

Kathy S. Foulk, Mayor