

ORDINANCE NO. 47-18

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 549.08 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO
RELATIVE TO THE DISCHARGING OF FIREARMS.**

WHEREAS: That Section 549.08 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio presently reads as follows:

549.08 DISCHARGING FIREARMS.

(a) No person shall discharge any air gun, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or other firearm within the corporate limits of the Municipality.

(b) This section does not apply when firearms are used in self-defense, in the discharge of official duty or when otherwise lawfully authorized.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MEDINA, OHIO:**

SEC. 1: That Section 549.08 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio shall be amended to read as follows:

549.08 DISCHARGING FIREARMS.

(a) No person shall discharge any air gun, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or other firearm within the corporate limits of the Municipality.

(b) This section does not apply when firearms are used in self-defense, in the discharge of official duty or when otherwise lawfully authorized.

(c) This section does not apply when firearms are utilized to discharge blanks that are not propelling any projectile, and the activity utilizing the firearm or firearms to discharge blanks is approved in writing by the Mayor of the City of Medina. A request to the Mayor for written authorization to engage in an event involving the discharge of firearms must be submitted to the Mayor thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled event. Failure to submit a timely request for authorization shall result in disallowance of the request.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

SEC. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SEC. 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 12, 2018

SIGNED: John M. Coyne, III
President of Council

ATTEST: Kathy Patton
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: March 13, 2018

SIGNED: Dennis Hanwell
Mayor

Effective date: April 11, 2018

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Authorization to Discharge Blanks in Medina City

As Mayor and Safety Director for the City of Medina, Ohio, I hereby authorize the discharge of blanks from firearms within Medina City, pursuant to Medina City Codified Ordinance 549.08 (c). The organizing group overseeing this event will ensure that no live rounds are on the grounds or in the vehicles at the event; that the weapons are inspected prior to discharge by two representatives of group to ensure no live rounds remain in weapons; and will ensure that a safe area immediately adjacent to where the firearms will be discharged is established. Signatures below permit authorization and agreement to the aforementioned conditions. The undersigned organization and/or individual agrees to provide liability insurance coverage covering this event in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 in coverage. The undersigned individual and/or organization agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Medina harmless from any and all loss, damages, claims, and/or demands arising from this event. The undersigned individual and/or organization with the intention of binding themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, release and discharge the City of Medina from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, and executions which the undersigned ever had, or now have, or may have arising from or created by the discharge of firearm activity that is being authorized herein.

City of Medina

Organization Approved:

Mayor Dennis Hanwell

Date

Date

Printed Name and Position