

ORDINANCE NO. 234

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGING OR SHOOTING OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CITY OF BONIFAY, EXCEPTING WITHIN SOUND PROOF ENCLOSURES BY FIREARM DEALERS AND AUTHORIZED GUN REPAIR SHOPS AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the firearms have the potentiality of causing deaths and injuries

WHEREAS, it is necessary to regulate and control the discharge of the firearms within the City of Bonifay for the protection of the public

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bonifay in Council assembled that:

1. "Firearm" means any device, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas.
2. Person means any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, club, society or joint stock company.
3. Firearm dealer means any person engaged in the business of (a) selling or renting firearms at wholesale or retail. (b) Manufacture of firearms. (c) Repairing firearms or making or fitting gun parts. (d) Who has his business away from his residence. (e) Sound proof enclosure means a facility designed to obstruct the passage of sound.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge any firearm(s) in the City of Bonifay, excepting test firing of legal firearms by authorized firearm dealers in a sound proof enclosure.
5. That whoever shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by fine not exceeding FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days in the County Jail or by both such fine and imprisonment.
6. Firearm dealers must obtain an annual permit before test firing of firearms. The Chief of Police has the authority to impose safety rules and regulate all test firing.

7. This ordinance shall amend Ordinance No. 25 and Ordinance No. 233, regulating the Discharge of Firearms.

8. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the applicability of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form according to law.

PASSED this 9th day of February, 1987 in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida.

ATTEST:

City Clerk (Seal)

CITY COUNCIL

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

Shirley Mitchell
City Clerk, Shirley Mitchell



Mayor, James E. Sims, Jr.

Re-adopted this 27 day of July, 1992.