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ORDINANCE NO. 233

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGING OR SHOOTING OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CITY OF BONIFAY, EXCEPTING TURKEY SHOOTS 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) Turkey shoots means shooting of shotguns only at a stationary target held and sponsored by non-profit entities.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge any firearm(s) in the City of Bonifay excepting turkey shoots and test firing of legal firearms by authorized firearm dealers.
5. All turkey shoots must be approved by the Chief of Police of Bonifay, Florida and the non-profit entity must obtain a permit for each shoot held. The Chief of Police shall have the power to impose safety rules and insure all safety precautions are taken.
6. Prior to holding a turkey shoot and obtaining a permit to have the turkey shoot, the Chief of Police shall approve the site and location of the proposed shoot and determine if the person sponsoring the shoot is a non-profit entity. Only shotguns with

number four (4) shot or smaller will be used at turkey shoots.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. This ordinance shall amend Ordinance 25 regulating the Discharge of Firearms.

10. 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.

11. 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1986 in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida.

ATTEST:

B. S. Sowell  
Town Clerk (Seal)

CITY COUNCIL  
By: [Signature]  
President