

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEACHTREE CORNERS, GEORGIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 42 OF THE PEACHTREE CORNERS CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE;**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia is authorized under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, regulating the discharge of weapons in residential areas serves a public purpose and protects the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that the lack of regulations concerning the discharge of weapons in residential areas is detrimental to the public welfare;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Peachtree Corners hereby ordains, as follows:

**SECTION I:** Article I of Chapter 42 relating to Nuisances is hereby amended by adding Section 42-3 relating to discharge of weapons, and will read as follows:

Sec. 42-3 – Discharge of Weapons.

a. It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm within the residential areas of the City of Peachtree Corners. This section shall not be construed to prohibit any officer of the law from discharging a firearm in the performance of his/her duty, or to prohibit any citizen from discharging a weapon when lawfully defending persons or property (including without limitation domesticated pets), or destroying a dangerous wild animal. This section shall not apply to bb guns or air pellet rifles.

b. It shall be unlawful to discharge any bow or crossbow within the residential areas of the City of Peachtree Corners without a current Georgia hunting license and written permission of the owner(s) of any property where such discharge of bow or crossbow will occur. This section shall not apply to archery target practice.

**SECTION II:** Sections 42-4 - 42-22 of Article I of Chapter 42 are hereby Reserved.

**SECTION III:** It is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of The Code of the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, and the codifier is authorized to make the specified deletions, insertions, additions, and to insert headings, article numbers and section numbers as and where appropriate.

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**SECTION IV:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION V:** If any section, subsection, provisions, or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained therein.

**SECTION VI:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**SO ORDAINED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

CITY OF PEACHTREE CORNERS, GEORGIA

By: *Mike Mason*  
Mike Mason, Mayor

Attest:

*Kym Chereck*  
Kym Chereck, City Clerk

(SEAL)

