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City Council Approves Amended Ordinance on Discharge of Weapons in Residential Areas

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, Nov. 16, 2016 – After hearing from residents and business owners during a public hearing at Tuesday night’s City Council meeting, the mayor and council approved an amended ordinance to address bow hunting and gunfire within the city limits.

The ordinance to address gunfire within Peachtree Corners allows property owners the use of guns to defend themselves and their residential property. However, the ordinance prohibits all other gunfire in residential areas due to public safety concerns.

The ordinance also gives bow hunters, who have a valid hunting license – and the written permission from the property owner -- the right to hunt on private property within city limits.

“Over the past several months, we received emails and phone calls and tonight have also heard from a number of our residents,” said Mayor Mason. “The council has listened to everyone’s input and as a result, I believe we’ve crafted an ordinance that balances citizen’s safety with property rights. The amended ordinance is also consistent with state law.”

The ordinance does not prohibit any officer of the law from discharging a firearm in the performance of his or her duty. The law does not apply to the use of BB guns or air pellet rifles. The new law will be enforced by the Gwinnett County Police Department. Residents who wish to report gunfire or illegal bow hunting should contact the GCPD.

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