

**CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS, KANSAS
ORDINANCE NO. 285**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE WESTWOOD HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A PROVISION CONCERNING DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Westwood Hills, Kansas has determined that it is advisable to amend the Municipal Code of the City to add provisions regulating the discharge of a firearm within City limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS, KANSAS, as follows:

Section 1. Section 10-204 of Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Westwood Hills is hereby adopted and shall read as follows:

10-204. UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM IN THE CITY.

(a) Unlawful discharge of a firearm is the intentional or reckless discharge of a firearm within or into the corporate limits of the City of Westwood Hills, Kansas.

(b) This provision shall not apply to the discharge of any firearm within or into the corporate limits of the City of Westwood Hills, Kansas if:

(1) the firearm is discharged in the lawful defense of one's person, another person, or one's property;

(2) the firearm is discharged at a private or public shooting range;

(3) the firearm is discharged by authorized law enforcement officers, animal control officers, or a person who has a wildlife control permit issued by the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism;

(4) the firearm is discharged by a special permit of the Chief of Police or by the Sheriff of Johnson County, Kansas;


(5) the firearm is discharged using blanks; or

(6) the firearm is discharged in lawful self-defense or defense of another person against an animal attack.

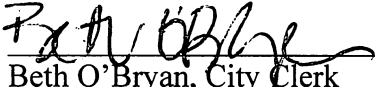
Section 2. INTERPRETATION. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be liberally construed to carry out effectively their purposes, which are hereby found and declared to be in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval by the Mayor and publication once in the official city newspaper.

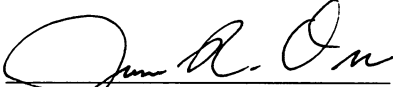
PASSED by the Governing Body, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 12th day of October, 2020.


Paula Schwach, Mayor

Attest:


Beth O'Bryan, City Clerk

Approved As To Form:


James R. Orr, City Attorney

