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18-101 **Purpose**

An ordinance to prohibit the firing of weapons on most residential and county-owned property; to define terms and to provide jurisdiction.

18-102 **Definitions**

County-Owned Property: Any real estate in which Bryan County owns an interest—fee simple, leasehold, or otherwise—and that is also designated as real estate owned by Bryan County either by sign on the real estate or on any building. This includes but is not limited to county office complexes, courthouse, or recreational areas.

Residential Area: Means any and all real estate zoned AR-2.5, AR-1.5, AR-1, R-20, R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 as defined in Article XI of the Bryan County Zoning Ordinance, and any lot of five (5) acres or less zoned A-5.

Night: Means between the hours of 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.

18-103 **Jurisdiction**

This Ordinance shall be effective and applicable in Bryan County, Georgia, outside the corporate limits of any municipality therein.

18-104 **Firing of Weapons in a Residential Area Prohibited**

On and after the effective date hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to fire or use a weapon in a Residential Area unless such person is a law enforcement officer discharging his or her duties or a citizen defending his or her home, property, person, or liberty against threatened or imminent attack.

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18-105 Firing of Weapons on County-Owned Property

On and after the effective date hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to fire or use a weapon on county-owned property unless such person is a law enforcement officer discharging his or her duties.

18-106 Firing of Weapons at Night

On and after the effective date hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to fire or use a weapon at night unless such person is a law enforcement officer discharging his or her duties or a citizen defending his or her home, property, person, or liberty against threatened or imminent attack, or as permitted by regulations of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

18-107 Turkey Shoots

This Ordinance shall be inapplicable to permitted shoots. Permitted turkey shoots are defined as those authorized in advance by the County’s Planning and Zoning Department on submission by applicant of a form designated by the Department and on applicant’s payment of \$25.00 fee.

18-108 Effective Date

The effective date of this ordinance shall be February 1, 2007.

18-109 Penalties

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 and imprisonment in the Bryan County Jail not exceeding 60 days, either or both, or any portion of either or both.

For the purpose of prosecution of violators of the ordinance, each and every violation of each separate section shall be considered a separate offense.

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