

**CITY OF WARRENSBURG**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

July 7, 2020

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

**SUBJECT:** A Public Hearing on An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Shooting Ranges

**BACKGROUND:**

Recently, staff had an inquiry concerning the requirements for opening a privately-owned shooting range within the City of Warrensburg. A shooting range is not a current land use identified in Section 27-200 Table of Uses in the zoning ordinance. As such, a shooting range is not allowed in the City at this time. After reviewing ordinances from other area communities, staff felt it was appropriate to propose an ordinance creating a Land Use category for shooting ranges and parking requirements for the new use. That ordinance is attached.

The ordinance addresses both firearm and archery type ranges and creates two new Land Use categories. Land Use 6.150 is for indoor ranges and 6.270 is for a shooting range with an outdoor element. Indoor ranges would be allowed by right in GB: General Business and LI: Light Industrial districts and as a Conditional Use Permit in the CB: Central Business District. Outdoor ranges would be allowed only by Conditional Use Permit in the GB: General Business and LI: Light Industrial districts. The proposed parking requirements are the same for both indoor and outdoor ranges.

The City recognizes there can be additional public safety and noise concerns related to shooting ranges. The operational standards to address these concerns are contained in a second ordinance. The second ordinance amends Chapter 22 to include operational standards in the business license requirements for shooting ranges. This ordinance is also on the City Council agenda for Monday night. A third and final ordinance is on the City Council agenda that addresses discharging a firearm in the City.

**ISSUE:** To consider three ordinances that would amend the Code of City Ordinances to allow and facilitate locating and operating a privately-owned shooting range in Warrensburg.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinances. At their July 6, 2020 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amending Chapter 27. Their written finding and recommendation is attached.

Sincerely,

Barbara Carroll  
Director of Community Development

Attachment: 

1. Proposed ordinance
2. PZ Finding & Recommendations
3. Portion of existing Section 27-200

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE CODE OF CITY ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI, REGARDING SHOOTING RANGES**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Warrensburg held a public hearing on July 13, 2020, regarding establishing a definition, land use, location and parking requirements for shooting ranges:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That Section 27-6, Definitions, is amended to include new definitions as follows:

*Shooting or archery range.* A facility designed or used for the discharge of firearms or projectile weapons at targets.

Section 2. That Section 27-200, Table of Permissible Uses, is amended as follows:

ZONING DISTRICTS

R1 R2 R3 R4 RMH BO NB CB GB LI HI

6.000 RECREATION, AMUSEMENT, ENTERTAINMENT

6.150	Shooting or archery range where all discharge of firearms or projectile weapons occurs entirely within a fully enclosed building									C	Z	Z	
6.270	Shooting or archery range where all discharge of firearms or projectile weapons occurs partially or entirely outside of a fully enclosed building										C	C	

Section 3. That Section 27-406, Table of parking requirements, is amended as follows:

<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Off-Street Parking Requirement</i>
6.150	2 spaces per shooting station plus parking for each of the following activities: 1 space per 200 square feet of retail, office, or classroom space 1 space per 5,000 square feet of storage space 1 space per three seats (indoor or outdoor seats) provided in any bar, restaurant or dining area.
6.270	

Section 4. If any clause, section, or other part of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this

ordinance shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. It is intended that Sections 1 through 3 of this ordinance be incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Read two (2) times and passed by title this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Bryan Jacobs, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

Request to consider An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Shooting Ranges

The Planning and Zoning Commission has considered the ordinance at an open public meeting and makes the following findings and recommendations based upon the evidence presented with respect to these matters:

1. On July 6, 2020, the Planning & Zoning Commission considered An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Shooting Ranges.
2. The proposed ordinance  will \_\_\_\_\_ will not further the goals and objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
3. The proposed ordinance  will \_\_\_\_\_ will not contribute to and promote the welfare and convenience of the public if the ordinance is passed.
4. The proposed ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ will  will not cause substantial injury to the value of property in the community.
5. Additional Comments: N/A

Concerning the proposed ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Commission:

Recommends Approval

Disapproves \_\_\_\_\_

Passed by the Planning & Zoning Commission this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
Chair

DESCRIPTION OF USES	ZONING DISTRICTS											
	R1	R2	R3	R4	RMH	BO	NB	CB	GB	LI	HI	
5.200 Churches, synagogues, and temples (including associated residential structures for religious personnel and associated buildings, but not including elementary school or secondary school buildings	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z		
5.300 Libraries, museums, art galleries, art centers, and similar uses (including associated education and instructional activities)												
5.310 Located in building designed as a residence, or in building under 3,500 square feet	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z			
5.320 Located in any permissible structure						Z	Z	Z	Z			
5.400 Social, fraternal clubs and lodges, union halls, similar uses							Z	Z	Z			
5.500 Day care centers, preschools						Z	Z	Z	Z	Z		
5.510 Day care, limited			C	C								
5.600 Philanthropic or charitable institution			C	C		Z	Z	Z	Z			
5.700 Convention Center								C	Z			
6.000 RECREATION, AMUSEMENT, ENTERTAINMENT												
6.100 Activity conducted entirely within building or substantial structure												
6.110 Bowling alleys, skating rinks, indoor tennis and racquetball courts, billiard and pool halls, indoor athletic and exercise facilities and similar uses							Z	Z	Z	Z		
6.120 Movie theaters							Z	Z	Z	Z		
6.130 Coliseums, stadiums and all other facilities listed in the 6.100 classification designed to seat or accommodate simultaneously more than 1,000 people									C	C		
6.140 Community center	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		
6.200 Activity conducted primarily outside enclosed buildings or structures												
6.210 Privately owned outdoor recreational facility such as golf and country clubs, swimming or tennis clubs, etc.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		
6.220 Publicly-owned and operated outdoor recreational facilities such as athletic fields, golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, parks, etc.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			
6.230 Golf driving ranges not accessory to golf courses, miniature golf courses, skateboard parks, go-cart tracks, water slides, and similar uses									Z	Z		
6.250 Automobile and motorcycle racing tracks										C	C	
6.260 Drive-in movie theaters									C	C	C	
7.000 INSTITUTIONAL RESIDENCE OR CARE OR CONFINEMENT FACILITIES												
7.100 Hospitals; clinics and other medical (including mental health) treatment facilities in excess of 10,000 square feet of floor area				C	C	Z		Z	Z			