

CITY OF WARRENSBURG
City Manager

Council Letter No.

July 10, 2020

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

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

SUBJECT: Ordinance Establishing License Requirements for Shooting and Archery Ranges

BACKGROUND:

This ordinance, if approved, will create a new business licensing requirement for businesses operating a shooting or archery range. It also establishes requirements regarding design, certification, noise abatement, and lead abatement of the facility. This ordinance is patterned after similar ordinances enacted by other Missouri communities. It is proposed to have these issues addressed by a license, as opposed to an ordinance, so if issues arise the City can revoke or deny a license to operate.

There will be no additional licensing fee required by the business outside of obtaining the business license. The business will just have to meet the additional requirements if operating a shooting range before the City will issue the business license.

Mr. Bob Steinkuehler, Dwayne Johnson and Stephen Adams (Quarry City Savings & Loan) did request a meeting with me to discuss concerns with the language of the licensing ordinance. Their main concerns had to do with ensuring proper design so a projectile is unable to leave the range/building; noise buffering (so neighboring properties and the Veteran's Home can't hear discharges); and setbacks from neighboring properties.

ISSUE:

Creating and license and requirements for Shooting and Archery Ranges

FISCAL IMPACT:

Limited staff time for administration of the license. The largest time commitment of staff will be reviewing design and certifications to meet the requirements.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:

Action would support growth of a locally owned business.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval

Sincerely,
Harold Stewart
City Manager