

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

April 6, 2021

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

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

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

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2020, the City adopted three ordinances that together provide location, operational and license requirements for operating a shooting or archery range within the City of Warrensburg. Ordinance 5588 specifically amended the zoning ordinance to create a definition and land use category for a shooting or archery range and to establish parking requirements for a shooting and archery range. A copy of Ordinance 5588 is attached for reference.

Staff has drafted a new ordinance that amends the definition and land use category for shooting or archery range. The new definition and land use include the discharge of firearms or projectile weapons at targets. This would allow a business such as axe-throwing in a recreational setting. This type of business has increased in popularity in the last few years. The location and parking requirements will remain the same and do not change with the proposed ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.

**ISSUE:** To consider an ordinance updating the City's zoning requirements for shooting, archery or weapons ranges.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The ordinance is consistent with Strategy 4 under Focus II "Identify and promote projects that enhance quality of life in Warrensburg" and Strategy 2 under Focus III "Adopt City goals, policies and plans to support and encourage residential, commercial, and industrial growth."

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinances. At their April 5, 2021 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance. Their written finding and recommendation is attached.

Sincerely,



Barbara Carroll  
Director of Community Development

- Attachments:
1. Proposed ordinance
  2. PZ Findings & Recommendations
  3. Ordinance 5588
  4. Publisher's Affidavit

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Warrensburg held a public hearing on April 12, 2021, regarding establishing a definition for projectile weapons;

**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 a new definition as follows:

*Projectile weapon.* Any object capable of inflicting serious or lethal physical injury, propelled by means of chemical, mechanical, or thrown force.

Section 2. That Section 27-6, Definitions, is further amended to by deleting the definition of *Shooting or archery range* and replacing it with the new definition as follows:

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

Section 3. That Section 27-200, Table of permissible uses, is amended by amending Land Use 6.150 and 6.270 to read as follows

ZONING DISTRICTS

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6.000 RECREATION, AMUSEMENT, ENTERTAINMENT

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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, Archery, or Weapons 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 April 5, 2021, the Planning & Zoning Commission considered An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Shooting, Archery, or Weapons Ranges.
2. The proposed ordinance X will \_\_\_\_\_ will not further the goals and objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
3. The proposed ordinance X will \_\_\_\_\_ will not contribute to and promote the welfare and convenience of the public if the ordinance is passed.
4. The proposed ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ will X will not cause substantial injury to the value of property in the community.
5. Additional Comments: NONE

Concerning the proposed ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Commission:

X Recommends Approval

\_\_\_ Disapproves \_\_\_\_\_

Passed by the Planning & Zoning Commission this 5 day of April, 2021.

RT Shambaugh  
Chair

BILL NO. 6-9-20

ORDINANCE NO. 5588

**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:

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

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2020.



[Signature]  
City Clerk

[Signature]  
Bryan Jacobs, Mayor

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF MISSOURI ) ss.  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON**

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William Weibert

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Jennifer N. Monsees, Notary Public

My commission expires June 30, 2023

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Notary Public - Notary Seal  
**STATE OF MISSOURI**  
Pettis County  
My Commission Expires: June 30, 2023  
Commission #19394075

**Public Notice**  
Public Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, will meet on April 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Warrensburg Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden St., to consider the following matters:

1. A public hearing to consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Shooting, Archery, or Weapons Ranges.
2. A public hearing to consider an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 27-203 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg Regarding Home Occupation in Residential Districts.
3. A public hearing to consider a request from the Sheehan Property Holdings LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a fraternity use (Land Use 1.520) in a GB: General Business District and to use the property for a conforming purpose without correcting the non-conforming situations that are not reasonably possible to eliminate. The existing building setback along N. Maguire St. and the north parking lot drive aisle are the non-conforming situations. The property is located at 201 N. Maguire St. The property in question is legally described as follows: That part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 46, Range 26, in Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri, described as: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Maguire Street and the North line of Culton Street, in the city of Warrensburg, thence North 90 feet, more or less, to a point 388 feet North of the center line of Missouri Pacific Railroad tract, 106 feet to the Northwest corner of the tract conveyed to Ed Mass, by deed recorded in Book 236, Page 23; thence South, to the North line of Culton Street; thence West to the point of beginning.

The public hearings will give all interested parties an opportunity to provide input on these matters. The full text of the proposed amendments may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk. For further information, please contact Barbara Carroll, Director of Community Development, 660-747-9135.  
1x-3/26, 2021