

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 549.08 OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE TO PERMIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN AN INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE IN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended amending the zoning code to conditionally permit commercial indoor shooting ranges in industrial zoning districts in the Village; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Village to conditionally permit indoor shooting ranges in industrial zoning districts in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the General Offenses Code currently prohibits the discharge of any air gun, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or other firearm within the corporate limits of the Village unless the firearm is used in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, absent an amendment to the General Offenses Code, the Village's ordinances would prevent individuals from lawfully discharging firearms in an indoor shooting range;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That existing Section 549.08(b) of the General Offenses Code be amended to read follows:

“549.08 DISCHARGING FIREARMS.

(a) No person shall discharge any air gun, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or other firearm within the corporate limits of the Village.

(b) This section does not apply when firearms are used in self defense, in the discharge of official duty, within and in compliance with the rules and regulations applicable to an Indoor Shooting Range as defined in Section 1103.03 and pursuant to Section 1159.03 and Section 1173.15 of the Codified Ordinances, or when otherwise lawfully authorized.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.”

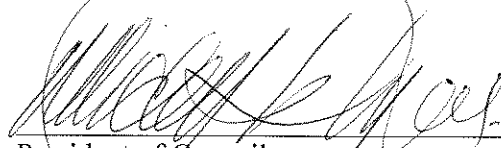
SECTION 2. That Existing Section 549.08 of the General Offenses Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that

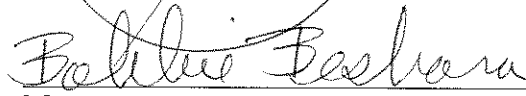
resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Village of Richfield, and for the further reason that it is necessary to immediately amend the General Offenses Code to allow for the lawful use and operation of a commercial indoor shooting range in the Village; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

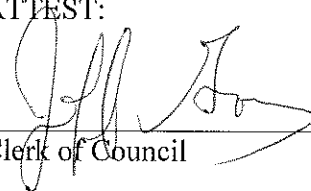
PASSED: 8-7-18



President of Council



Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

Dated: 8-7-18