

ORDINANCE NO. 03 -16  
CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

Sponsored by Council Member Mrs. Kenley on the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of March 2016.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION  
672.09 DISCHARGING FIREARMS OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the City of Centerville regulates the discharging of firearms  
and weapons within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City has allowed such discharges of firearms and  
weapons under certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City desires to expand the  
exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized as a charter municipality to exercise  
the powers of local self-government; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Charter for the City of Centerville sets forth  
the requirements for introduction and passage of ordinances and resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTERVILLE HEREBY  
ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the following amendment to Section 672.09 of the Centerville  
Municipal Code is hereby enacted as follows with new language to be added in  
*italics* and text to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~ as provided in Section 5.02 of the  
Centerville Charter:

**672.09 DISCHARGING FIREARMS.**

(a) Except as provided in Section 618.12, no person shall discharge any cannon,  
pistol or other firearm, of any kind whatsoever, or any air rifle, pellet gun, gas  
gun, BB gun or other similar object, or any bow and arrow, crossbow or other  
similar object, within the City. This section shall not prohibit the firing of a  
military salute or the firing of weapons by men of the nation's Armed Forces  
acting under military authority and shall not apply to law enforcement officers in  
the proper enforcement of the law; or to any person in the proper exercise of the  
right of defense; *or shall not apply to an indoor archery range, which range is  
incidental to a retail sporting goods supplier, which archery range makes up less*


than 5% of the gross retail space of the sporting goods supplier's facility, and which is used for the purpose of demonstrations, purchaser trials or equipment adjustments to bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar object, and the sporting goods supplier has its own rules and regulations for the discharge of such bow and arrow, crossbow or similar object; or to any person who has applied for and received special permission from the Manager to fire a cannon, pistol or other firearm, or air rifle, pellet gun, gas gun, BB gun or other similar object, or any bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar object within the City.

Section 2. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon passage. An emergency affecting public safety and welfare is hereby declared to exist by virtue of the fact of the immediate necessity to have this new exception to be allowed immediately within the City. Therefore, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
Mayor of the City of Centerville, Ohio

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Council  
City of Centerville, Ohio

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, hereby certifies the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 03-16, passed by the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form, consistency with existing ordinances, the charter and constitutional provisions.

Department of Law  
Scott Liberman  
Municipal Attorney