

ORDINANCE NO. 111

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, MONTANA. PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE TOWN'S JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS AND A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Montana, that:

Section 1. No person shall, except in necessary defense of himself, herself or others, or unless duly authorized by law, discharge any firearm within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Sheridan.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to the discharge of firearms while conducting organized training programs on any legal rifle range, small arms range or skeet/trap range nor to uninhabited, non-residential open spaces within town limits and more than 100 yards from any occupied structure.

Section 3. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Absolute Liability

Section 4. It is the legislative purpose of the Sheridan Town Council, pursuant to the provisions of 45-2-104, M.C.A., to impose absolute liability for the misdemeanor offenses(s) enacted by and set forth in this ordinance. Those offenses shall not require proof of the mental status described in 45-2-101, M.C.A.

Repealer

Section 5. All resolutions, ordinances and sections of the Sheridan Municipal Code and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Severability

Section 6. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Effective Date

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after passage on second reading.

References:

45-8-101, M.C.A.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Montana at a regular session thereof held on the 13th day of August, 2007.

ATTEST:

Dean Derryberry, Mayor

Gail Leary, Town Clerk

PASSED, ADOPTED AND FINALLY APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Montana at a regular session thereof held on the 27th day of August, 2007.

ATTEST:

Dean Derryberry, Mayor

Gail Leary, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Douglas Smith, City Attorney