

ORDINANCE NO. 1073

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE
TO PERMIT SUPERVISED SHOOTING ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, Section 11-603 of the Athens Municipal Code prohibits any unauthorized person from discharging a firearm with the corporate limits; and,

WHEREAS, it now appears that the interest of the City of Athens, Tennessee, will be served if this section is amended to provide a process whereby persons desiring to engage in organized and supervised shooting may make application to the City Manager for such activity.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Title 11, Chapter 6, Section 11-603 entitled "Discharge of firearms" be amended to add the following:

- (1) "This section shall not apply to persons engaged in organized and supervised shooting sponsored by a person, firm, or corporation holding a permit for such activity issued by the City Manager as hereinafter provided. Any person, firm, or corporation desiring such a permit shall make application in writing to the City Manager, which application shall contain such information as the City Manager shall direct, including but not limited to the following: the name of the person, firm, or corporation desiring such permit, the name of the person supervising such activity, the location where such activity will be conducted, the provisions for the safety of the public, a diagram of the shooting area, the dates when such shooting will be conducted, and the financial responsibility of such applicant. If the City Manager finds that reasonable safety precautions have been taken, and that applicant is financially responsible, or has sufficient liability insurance coverage, he may issue a permit to engage in such activity together with a list of conditions and limitations the City Manager deems advisable. Said permit may be revoked by the City Manager without notice if, in his opinion, the public welfare requires it."

SECTION 2: Any Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and superseded. If any sentence, clause, phrase or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding will not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED ON FIRST READING: January 15, 2019

PASSED ON SECOND READING: _____

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: February 19, 2019

CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor

C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. CHRIS TREW, City Attorney