

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XIII, CHAPTER 130:
OFFENSES AGAINST CITY REGULATIONS
OF THE CITY OF MONROE CODE OF ORDINANCES
O-2010-04**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE THAT TITLE XIII, CHAPTER 130 OF THE MONROE ORDINANCES IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 130.02 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

Section 130.02. Firearms and other weapons.

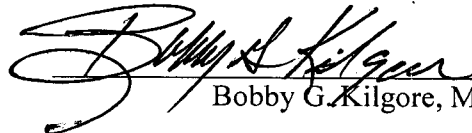
- A. Subject to subsections (B), (C), and (D), no person may fire, discharge or shoot within the city any rifle, shotgun, handgun or other firearm, bow and arrow, or similar contrivance.
- B. Subsection (A) shall not apply to:
 - (1) Law enforcement officers acting in the discharge of official duties;
 - (2) Persons acting pursuant to the lawful directions of law enforcement officers;
 - (3) Persons engaged in the lawful defense of persons or property from felonious attack; or
 - (4) Persons engaged in otherwise lawful activity in legally established shooting galleries or ranges.
- C. The use of firearms or other weapons within the city shall be lawful with a special permit that has been issued by the chief of police or designated agent for the purpose of disposing of certain destructive rats, squirrels, fowl, snakes, or other such animals, that are generally considered to be a menace to public health and that have become a nuisance upon a person's premises. A request for such a permit must be in writing signed by the applicant and shall contain a clear concise description of the animals to be disposed of and the place such animals are located. Such use of firearms or weapons must be done in accordance with the terms of the permit which shall specify on its face the purpose, time, day, and place for which such firing is authorized, and the type of ammunition and firearm or weapon to be used; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the chief of police, or designated agent from denying or revoking such permit for the safety or well-being of the neighborhood or community.
- D. Shotguns. The use of shotguns, bow and arrows within the corporate limits shall be lawful under the following conditions:

- (1) A person may apply to the chief of police, or designee, for a permit to use shotguns or bow and arrow on his own property or with written permission of the property owner on tracts of contiguous land 15 acres in size or larger. The duration of such permit shall be for one year unless revoked for cause by the chief of police, repeal of this subsection, subdivision of the property, or the transfer of title to the tract or any portion thereof by sale, devise or descent;
 - (2) Only multi-shot loads shall be utilized as ammunition pursuant to this subsection;
 - (3) In no event shall a firearm be discharged within 500 feet of any dwelling or building;
 - (4) Two or more parcels or tracts of land may be combined under this subsection so long as the properties together constitute one contiguous area of land at least 15 acres in size and the permittee has written permission from each landowner.
- E. It shall be unlawful to brandish or display in a threatening manner any firearm or weapon, regulated herein, on any street, sidewalk, alley, or other public property within the City except as necessary and consistent with those conditions that would allow lawful discharge of such firearms or weapons pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- F. Each violation shall be punishable according to §10.99(A) of the Monroe Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2010.




Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

Attest:


Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk