

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10-07-002

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, OHIO, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Village of Wayne Lakes to have a uniform policy regarding discharge of firearms;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Wayne Lakes, Ohio, finds that the discharge of firearms within the Village limits presents a danger to the safety, health, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the lawful use of firearms as provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio but seeks to regulate discharge within the Village in the interest of public peace and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the council of the Village of Wayne Lakes, a majority of the members elected or appointed thereto concurring:

Section 1. Definitions

(a) Firearm shall mean any deadly weapon capable of expelling or propelling one or more projectiles by the action of an explosive or combustible propellant, as defined in Ohio Revised Code §2923.11.

(b) Discharge means the firing or shooting of a firearm by any means within the incorporated limits of the Village of Wayne Lakes.

Section 2. Prohibition

No person shall discharge a firearm within the corporate limits of the Village of Wayne Lakes.

Section 3. Exceptions

This Ordinance shall not apply to:

1. Any law enforcement officer, peace officer, or other public official acting within the scope of official duties.

2. The lawful defense of life, self, or property as recognized under the Ohio Revised Code.

3. Ceremonial or commemorative activities (including military honors, color guards, or historical reenactments) when conducted with prior written approval of the Mayor or Village Council.

Section 4. Penalty

Whoever violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, punishable as provided by the Ohio Revised Code. Each unlawful discharge shall constitute a separate offense.

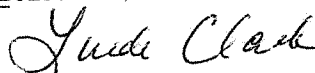
Section 5. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED, this 7th day of November 2025.



LINDA CLARK, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



PAUL WAGNER, SOLICITOR

1st Reading: 10-7-2025
2nd Reading: 10-29-2025
3rd Reading: