

INTRODUCED: 01/27/2014

REFERRED TO: Rules and Public Policy Committee

SPONSOR: Councillors Mansfield and Scales

DIGEST: amends Chapter 451 of the Code, concerning weapons, and adds new sections restricting the use and discharge of weapons in the Consolidated City

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Mansfield

Drafted by: Fred Biesecker, General Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____ Date: January 23, 2014

CITY-COUNTY GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. , 2014

A PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL ORDINANCE amending the "Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County," Chapter 451, Weapons, and adding new sections restricting the use and discharge of weapons in the Consolidated City.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. Chapter 451 of the "Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County," is hereby amended by adding the words and figures that are underlined and by striking the language that is stricken through, as follows:

Sec. 451-2. Firearms generally.

(a) Within the police special service district, it shall be unlawful for any person to fire off, shoot at another person or otherwise use any dangerous weapon for any purpose other than in defense of his life or the life of another person, or the protection of his property or property entrusted to him by another person, that property being lawful to possess, or for practice at a range under the supervision and operation of a governmental entity, or without the prior written approval of the department of public safety.

(b) This section shall not apply to the United States ~~Army, Navy or other a~~Armed fForces, the National Guard, or to any duly constituted and authorized law enforcement and peace officer of any governmental unit, or to manufacturers and to repair facilities for testing purposes within a private firing range.

(c) This section shall not apply to a properly zoned indoor firing range or a properly zoned retail gun dealer store.

(d) This section shall not apply to a conservation club with shooting ranges located in the Consolidated City and County organized and in existence as of January 1, 2014 whose objectives include education of safe firearms practices.

(e) This section shall not apply to activities including hunting and target practice on property that is at least ten (10) acres and zoned for agriculture provided that the activities do not pose a danger to person, animal or property outside of the property's boundaries.

Sec. 451-3. Discharge of weapons across public ways and in public places.

It shall be unlawful to shoot across or upon any public street or place, or toward a public way from any private or public premises, any bullet, pellet, missile or object impelled from any gun, pistol, rifle or weapon operated by means of any explosive charge, or by springs, air pressure or other means, or impelled from a slingshot, or any other device having force directed by the user thereof.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with I.C. 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2014, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Maggie A. Lewis
President, City-County Council

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor