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ORDINANCE #186-2001

ORDINANCE FOR CIVIL EMERGENCIES
AND
ESTABLISHING RIGHT TO MAINTAIN FIREARMS

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Horseshoe Bend, and

WHEREAS, the City of Horseshoe Bend has determined that it is in need of an ordinance to protect the right to provide for the safety, security and general welfare of the town and its inhabitants within the City of Horseshoe Bend, and

WHEREAS, special interest groups are misusing, Federal, State, and various laws and regulations to further their own agendas and restrict the use of private and public rights, and

WHEREAS, the Federal, State and local government appear to be content to allow special interest groups to be the deciding factor in what the private citizens can and cannot do,

THEREFORE; Be it ordained that the City of Horseshoe Bend shall, by Ordinance, within the City of Horseshoe Bend boundaries, provide the right to maintain a firearm, together with ammunition therefore, and

FURTHERMORE, the City of Horseshoe Bend shall restrict the use, or anything of like manner, within the City of Horseshoe Bend limits, to fire a gun, pistol or other firearm in the city. Exceptions are in the defense of person or property, and excepting peace officers or military forces of this state or the United States, in the discharge of official duties.

FURTHERMORE, any entity, or parties who makes a designation or assignation to limit or restrict the use of firearms within the City of Horseshoe Bend boundaries, that could or would make an impact upon the residents of the City of Horseshoe Bend to defend themselves, shall notify the Mayor of the City of Horseshoe Bend of their intent or plans.

ARTICLE I: RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Heads of households to maintain firearms.

1. In order to provide for the emergency management of the town, and to provide for the civil defense of the City of Horseshoe Bend, and further, in order to provide for and protect the safety, security and general welfare of the town and its inhabitants, every head of household residing in the City of Horseshoe

Bend city limits is required to maintain a firearm, together with ammunition therefor.

2. Exempt from the effect of this section are those who suffer a physical or mental disability, which would prohibit them from using or obtaining such firearms. Further exempt from the effect of this section are those who are persons under the law who are restrained from possessing a firearm/firearms, such as a felon, or one who is under court restriction such as a restraining order to disallow possession of firearms.
3. Exempt from the effect of said ordinance are those who conscientiously oppose maintaining firearms as a result of belief, religious doctrine, or who are financially unable to purchase a firearm.

ARTICLE II: USE OF FIREARMS

Use of firearms.

1. No person shall fire a gun, pistol or other firearm in the City of Horseshoe Bend, except in the defense of person or property (Article II The Bill of Rights; A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed); excepting peace officers or military forces of this state or the United States, in the discharge of official duties, and in designated area approved by the Horseshoe Bend City Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the subject matter of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF February, 2001.

Brian J. Davies, Mayor

ATTEST:

Original in File
Patricia Hamilton, City Clerk