

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 48

**AMENDING SECTION 549.08 OF THE MASON CODIFIED
ORDINANCES REGARDING DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS**

WHEREAS, Section 549.08 of the Mason Codified Ordinances currently provides regulations for the discharge of firearms; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Mason has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to make certain amendments to said regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Section 549.08 of the Mason Codified Ordinances is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That all remaining provisions of Section 549.08 shall remain in full force and effect.

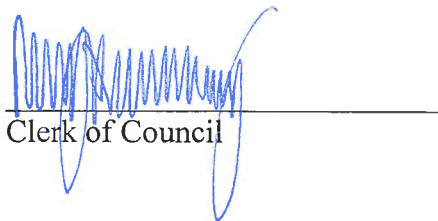
Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 12th day of August, 2013.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT "A"

549.08 DISCHARGING FIREARMS

(a) Except as provided for in this section, no person shall discharge any cannon, pistol, dangerous ordnance or firearm within the City.

(b) This section shall not prohibit the firing of a military salute or the firing of weapons by men of the U.S. Armed Forces acting under military authority, and shall not apply to law enforcement officials in the proper enforcement of the law, or to any person in the proper exercise of the right of self defense.

(c) This section shall not prohibit the firing of shotguns for the purpose of controlling certain species of birds or other animals when such shooting or firing is performed in accordance with rules and regulations established by the City Manager, and when the person who is shooting shall have in his possession a properly executed permit issued by the Safety Director.

(d) This section shall not prohibit the firing within an approved indoor range or test facility for the purpose of proofing or testing of a firearm after the manufacturing process when such firing is performed in accordance with rules and regulations established by the City Manager, and when the person who is shooting shall have in his possession a properly executed permit issued by the Safety Director.

(e) This section shall not prohibit the firing of firearms for ceremonial or theatrical purposes when such firing is performed in accordance with rules and regulations established by the City Manager, and when the person who is shooting shall have in his or her possession a properly executed permit issued by the Safety Director.

(f) Any person denied a permit by the Safety Director pursuant to this Section shall have the right to appeal said denial to City Council. Notice of such appeal shall be submitted in writing to the Safety Director. A hearing on such appeal shall be conducted at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting, or at a Council meeting agreed to by the appealing party.

(g) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.