

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SECTIONS 430, 460, AND 600.14 OF THE OFFICIAL  
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI AND  
CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi did lawfully adopt a Zoning Ordinance on February 4, 2014 after proper notice and a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi subsequently adopted Zoning Ordinance Amendments on February 3, 2015, June 2, 2015, April 5, 2016, and October 18, 2016 after proper notice and a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have a desire to establish regulations to allow for the construction of one or more Indoor Shooting Ranges subject to certain conditions that address safety, noise, land use buffers, and environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a conflict between the Indoor Shooting Range Conditional Use provision of the C-6 Regional Shopping Center District and the Prohibited Indoor Shooting Range use listed in the Northpark Overlay District, which causes there to be no zoned location for an Indoor Shooting Range anywhere in the City of Ridgeland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to establish stringent standards for any Indoor Shooting Range that may locate in the City of Ridgeland; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 66, Section 66-87 of the Code of the City of Ridgeland contains a provision that prohibits the discharge of a firearm with the limits of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 66, Section 66-88 of the Code of the City of Ridgeland contains a provision that restricts carry on certain premises on which state law may permit enhanced permit holders to legally carry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to create standards for operating an Indoor Gun Range in the Code of the City of Ridgeland; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopt the following sections as amendments to the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi by amending the following sections:

**Section 1**

Add Section **430.03.G Indoor Gun Range subject to Special Use Site Plan Standards as listed in Section 600.14.F. Indoor Shooting Ranges shall be limited to C-3 only and may not pyramid into any other Zoning District.** to **CONDITIONAL USES AND STRUCTURES AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 600.09.**

## Section 2

Delete Section 460.03.D **Indoor shooting range**. from Conditional Uses as listed in C-6 Regional Shopping Mall District.

## Section 3

Add Section 600.14.F.12. Indoor Shooting Range must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) The Building shall be located a minimum of 2,000 linear feet from a Church or School located on property zoned S-1. The distance shall be measured front door of church or school to nearest point of Indoor Shooting Range building in a straight line.
- (b) No Indoor Shooting Range Use shall be within 2,000 linear feet from another Indoor Shooting Range Facility. The distance shall be measured from property line to property line in a straight line.
- (c) No Indoor Shooting Range Building shall be within 400 feet of Residentially Zoned Property.
- (d) Indoor Shooting Range Uses shall be on a site larger than 2 acres to allow for appropriate buffers and parking.
- (e) The Indoor Shooting Range Building shall be newly constructed, built with Ballistic Design standards in all directions to prevent accidental escape of a bullet, and shall be a free-standing building that may include Uses in addition to the Indoor Shooting Range to allow for the sale, rental, and demonstration of guns and sale of ammunition and apparel along with meeting rooms, training rooms, safe, and storage.
- (f) Front Setbacks shall be 30 feet, and Side and Rear Setbacks shall be 30'. Rear and/or Side Setbacks may be reduced by the Mayor and Board at time of Site Plan review to 10 feet if adjoining an existing railroad track provided the elevation of the railroad track accomplishes a buffer purpose.
- (g) Parking Requirements shall be 1.5 spaces per lane for Indoor Shooting Range (plus) standard number of parking spaces as defined by the Zoning Ordinance for separate internal uses (plus) peak employee parking.

## Section 4

Amend Section 66-87. Discharge of firearm. by adding the following words to the end of the provision: “**except as otherwise provided in this Chapter or as otherwise provided by State Law.**”

## Section 5

Add a Section 66-90 to Chapter 66 as follows:

### **Section 66-90. Indoor Shooting Range.**

In order to operate an Indoor Shooting Range, owners and operators shall comply with the following regulations in order to be permitted to operate an Indoor Shooting Range within the limits of the city.

- (a) Indoor Shooting Ranges shall strictly comply with the requirements established in the Zoning Ordinance in addition to any conditions imposed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- (b) An approved Safety and Management Plan shall be maintained on file with the Community Development Department and the Police Department. The Safety and Management Plan shall address at a minimum the following:
  - 1. Safety of the indoor range and all parts of the building.
  - 2. Prevention of Theft of Firearms and Ammunition.
  - 3. Safe Storage of Ammunition.
  - 4. Staffing levels for Range Safety Officers
  - 5. Access Controls for Indoor Range.
  - 6. Suicide Prevention within Range.
  - 7. Spent Lead Bullet recycling and dust control.
  - 8. Evacuation Plan.
  - 9. Minimum age on Range supervised or unsupervised.
  - 10. Parent / Guardian / Trainer supervision of minors.
  - 11. Range Dress Code.
- (c) Operator shall cause Criminal Background Checks to be performed through the Ridgeland Police Department on all owners, operators, management, trainers, employees, and any other paid or volunteer staff members assigned to any function of the Indoor Range, Retail Area, Training Rooms, Meeting Rooms, Safe, or Storage. These Background Checks shall be performed annually, and newly hired persons shall comply within 7 days of hiring. The register of Background Checks shall be maintained with the Community Development Department and the Police Department.
- (d) A Noise Study shall be provided to show that there will be less than 35 decibels at the property line for noise generated specifically by the Indoor Shooting Range.

## Section 6

Amend Section 66-88. Carrying weapon on commercial premises; violation; penalty. by adding the following words to the end of the provision: This section shall not prohibit carry at any location specifically permitted by state law.

**Section 7**

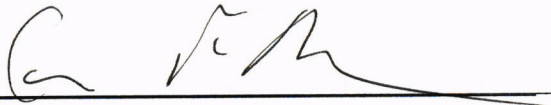
The City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect the foregoing changes from and after thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption by the Board.

**SO ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi at a meeting thereof held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

The ordinance, having been first reduced to writing, was offered for adoption by Alderman Holder and seconded by Alderman Smith and submitted to the Board of Aldermen for passing or rejection on roll call vote with the following results:

Alderman Ken Heard (Ward 1) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Chuck Gautier (Ward 2) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Kevin Holder (Ward 3) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Brian Ramsey (Ward 4) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Bill Lee (Ward 5) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Wesley Hamlin (Ward 6) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman D. I. Smith (At-large) voted:	<u>AYE</u>

**WHEREUPON**, the Mayor declared the Motion had carried and the Ordinance adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



Gene F. McGee, Mayor  
City of Ridgeland, Mississippi

ATTEST:



Paula Tierce, City Clerk

