

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING SHOOTING RANGES WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON AND AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to expand business opportunities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to find ways to develop opportunities to train its police officers locally whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to give its citizens new avenues to learn about responsible gun ownership and to hone their skills so that they can be safe, responsible gun owners; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio already regulates commercial and private shooting ranges throughout the State in a manner that relies upon nationally recognized safety standards; and

WHEREAS, no commercial shooting ranges currently exist within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to clarify its regulations on commercial shooting ranges to attract such businesses to the community to accomplish the above goals and otherwise promote the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 1206.02(c) of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson be amended to include a new subsection (35) as provided in Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein.

Section 2. That the table provided in Section 1206.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson be amended to include a row for indoor shooting ranges and indicate that they are allowed as a conditional use in Zoning Districts 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Section 3. That Section 1205.09(c)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson, governing conditional uses in Zoning District 6, be amended to include subsection “H. Indoor shooting ranges.”

Section 4. That Section 1205.09(c)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson, governing conditional uses in Zoning District 7, be amended to include subsection “M. Indoor shooting ranges.”

Section 5. That Section 1205.11(c)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson, governing conditional uses in Zoning District 8, be amended to include subsection “J. Indoor shooting ranges.”

Section 6. That Section 1205.12(c)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson, governing conditional uses in Zoning District 9, be amended to include subsection “O. Indoor shooting ranges.”

Section 7. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Exhibit A

(Adding subsection (35) to C.O. 1206.02(c) without making any other additions, subtractions, or other amendments)

(35) Special Conditions for Indoor Shooting Ranges:

A. The use of the indoor shooting range shall, at minimum, comply with state and federal regulations relating to indoor shooting ranges.

B. The use of the indoor shooting range shall, at minimum, conform with the most current edition of National Rifle Association's "The Range Source Book" as amended.

C. The use of the indoor shooting range shall be located a minimum of 500 feet from the lot line of any residentially zoned or used parcel.

D. The use of the indoor shooting range shall be located a minimum of 500 feet from the lot line of any school.

E. The use of the indoor shooting range shall be located a minimum of 500 feet from the lot line of another use of the same category.

F. The use of the indoor shooting range shall not occur prior to 7:00am nor after 9:00pm.

G. The use of the indoor shooting range shall take care to effectively suppress noise to ensure it meets standards promulgated in C.O. 1207.10.

H. The use of the indoor shooting range shall install backstops and bullet traps sufficient to prevent the escape of 50 caliber bullets or the highest caliber round the shooting range intends to permit on its range, whichever is greater.

I. The use of the indoor shooting range shall be overseen by a properly licensed range safety officer, issued by the National Rifle Association or its equivalent as recognized under State Law.

J. The use of the indoor shooting range shall take care to incorporate safety and design standards sufficient to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community and location where the indoor shooting range is proposed.

K. Prior to the issuance of a conditional use for an indoor firing range, the applicant must demonstrate full compliance with federal and state law, including, but not limited, to providing copies of all required licenses and certifications.

L. Wherever a conflict arises between the current edition of the National Rifle Association's "The Range Source Book" and this ordinance, the stricter standard shall apply.