

**Town of North High Shoals**  
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City of North High Shoals

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*Council Member*

Pursuant to authority conferred by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Georgia, the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals does hereby ordain and enact into law the following:

Fred Johnson  
*Council Member*

- Section 101. Short Title
- Section 102. Definition
- Section 103. Requirements
- Section 104. Appeals and Variances
- Section 105. Penalties
- Section 106. General Provisions

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*City Clerk*

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*City Attorney*

An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of North High Shoals, to limit the discharge of firearms within the city limits of the Town of North High Shoals.

Section 101. Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Gun Discharge Ordinance."

Section 102. Definition

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

"High-powered" shall mean any Handgun or Rifle possessing the necessary propellant (having great drive, energy, or capacity)\* and containing a projectile capable of extending beyond a distance of 100 yards.

\* Merriam Webster's College Dictionary – 10th edition 1993

### Section 103. Requirements

The Town of North High Shoals shall adhere to all Sections of State Law including, but not limited to the following identified sections:

- 16-11-102 Pointing or aiming a gun or pistol at another
- 16-11-103 Discharge of a gun or pistol near public highway or street
- 16-11-104 Discharge of a gun or pistol on property of another
- 16-11-105 Discharge of firearms on Sunday; exceptions; penalties
- 16-11-108 Misuse of firearms or archery tackle while hunting
- 16-11-123 Unlawful possession of firearm or weapons

The Town of North High Shoals prohibits the discharge of any rifle which by definition is considered "high-powered."

The Town of North High Shoals prohibits the discharge of any hand-gun which by definition is considered "high-powered."

The Town of North High Shoals prohibits the discharge of any firearm or weapon which when loaded and discharged has the capability of unleashing any ordinance considered to be "high-powered" or capable of causing injury or death upon a neighbors property.

The Town of North High Shoals specifically shall not prohibit the discharge of the following shotguns: 12 gauge, 16 gauge, 20 gauge, 410 gauge nor any other gun classified as a shotgun. Additionally, the Town of North High Shoals shall not prohibit the discharge of any B-B guns, pellet guns or paint-ball guns so long as they adhere to the guidelines established by the State of Georgia and/or included herein and are not discharged in such a way as to cause harm, injury or death to neighboring property.

### Section 104. Appeals and Variances

Any person who considers himself aggrieved by the provisions of this ordinance may apply for a hearing as provided within the zoning ordinances of the city.

Any person believing the requirements of this ordinance are impractical for the lot or tract in question may apply for a variance or wavier.

### Section 105. Penalties

Anyone found in violation of this ordinance will be subject to any fines as levied by the lawful authorities of North High Shoals, Oconee County and the State of Georgia in pursuit of enforcing said Ordinance for the Town of North High Shoals.

Section 106. General Provisions

If any provision of this ordinance, or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

All laws and ordinances, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be enforced after the date of its adoption, the public welfare demanding it.

Having been duly advertised and allowing for the outcry of the public via scheduled public hearing, as provided by the laws of the State of Georgia, this ordinance was first read \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

This Ordinance is hereby

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the Town of North High Shoals, Georgia this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

Town of North High Shoals Council

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Clerk

Addendum to the Gun Discharge Ordinance

Section 107: Rationale

The Town of North High Shoals recognizes the right of every individual citizen to possess firearms, as provided by the Constitution of the United States of America, and this ordinance is in no way an attempt to infringe upon the individuals rights. Rather, this ordinance is designed to provide for the protection, safety, and well-being of all of its citizens. The intent of this ordinance is to insure that every individual enjoys the same rights of freedom and that no one need live in fear within this community due to the concern of firearms whose discharge of projectiles can travel great distances when unimpeded. Because of the close proximity of neighbors within our rural community, the Town believes that the discharge of firearms capable of traveling great distances may, and often can, cause irreparable harm and injury; therefore, the duly elected Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals in unanimous agreement, and after much deliberation, adopt this ordinance for the betterment of its citizens.

This Addendum is hereby

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