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### Executive Order

#### AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ALLOWING FOR INDOOR LONG RIFLE MEAT SHOOT AS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTION TO JASPER MUNICIPAL CODE §7.20 “Discharging Firearms”

**WHEREAS**, the Sons of the American Legion Post 147 of the City of Jasper, Indiana (hereinafter referred to as the “American Legion”), the nation’s largest wartime veteran’s service organization is built on four pillars of service, three of which are as follows:

1. Responding to “Quality of Life” needs for every veteran and their families.
2. Perpetuating a “square deal” for every child.
3. Preparing each generation to fulfill the obligations of citizenship.

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish its service goals, the American Legion seeks to conduct a special event known as a “22 Long Rifle Meat Shoot” (hereinafter referred to as the “Shoot”) wherein participants will pay to participate in competitive rounds of shooting for a chance to win prizes;

**WHEREAS**, the American Legion shall provide adequate safety measures, supervision and an approved indoor venue all of which shall mitigate the risk of injury to participants and spectators associated with firearms use;

**WHEREAS**, proceeds from the Shoot shall support the local programs including Toys for Tots, Honor Flight of Southern Indiana for Veterans, Marine Corps League, nursing scholarships, annual high school scholarships for local Dubois County schools and other organizations regularly supported by the American Legion;

**WHEREAS**, City of Jasper Municipal Code §7.20.010 provides in pertinent part “it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or assist in discharging any gun, rifle, revolver, pistol, cannon, crossbow or other instrument producing like effect, within the corporate limits of the City of Jasper;”


**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper, Indiana (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) recognizes the cultural and community significance of providing support to these organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dean Vonderheide, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Indiana, by the authority vested in me, do hereby issue this Executive Order and state as follows:


1. **Temporary Exception:** The ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms within city limits, namely Jasper Municipal Code §7.20.010, et.seq. is hereby suspended for the sole purpose of allowing the Shoot at the Sons of the American Legion Post 147, 1220 N. Newton Street, Jasper IN.
2. **Dates of Event:** This exception is valid only during the approved dates of the event, namely Sunday, October 20, 2024 11:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.
3. **Waiver and Indemnification:** All participants, adult supervisors, workers and spectators shall sign a waiver and indemnification agreement as incorporated by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit B.
4. **Event logistics and safety protocols:** All participants and organizers must comply with the following:

- The event shall consist of five (5) meat rounds, one (1) youth round, and four (3) Double Down rounds and one (1) final round for the winners from the previous rounds.
  - Cost:
    - \$5.00 per single shot round and youth round; and
    - \$10.00 for Double Down rounds (2 shots at the same target)
    - \$10.00 for Final round (2 shots at the same target)
  - Event includes five (5) regular rounds, one (1) youth round, three (3) “Double Down” rounds (you shoot your target twice) and one (1) final round for the winners from the previous rounds.
  - Youth only round (age 16 & under with adult supervision).
    - NOTE: Youth are allowed to participate in the other rounds as well with adult supervision.
  - The winner of each meat round will win their choice of prize, either sausage, bacon or Legion gift certificate for food.
  - All shooters must enter through the north basement access door.
  - All guns are to be cased and must be without a shell in the gun when entering and exiting the building (through the north outside access door leading directly to the basement area, ONLY).
  - Hearing protection will be available to purchase and is mandatory during shoot in the building.
  - Each participating shooter must clear their chamber and remove spent brass.
  - Decision of Judge is final.
  - No outside ammo. Ammo is provided (Federal No. 12 Birdshot) by the fire- line supervisor.
  - Minors must have adult supervision.
  - Use of Scopes & Automatics is approved.
  - No drinking of any alcohol by participants or event workers.
  - See event layout incorporated by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. **Reinstatement of Ordinance:** This order shall expire upon the conclusion of the event on October 20, 2024, after which the full enforcement of Jasper Municipal Code Section 7.20.010 will resume.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Jasper to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 2024.

  
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 Dean Vonderheide, Mayor  
 City of Jasper, Indiana

ATTEST:

  
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 Kiersten Knies,  
 Clerk-Treasurer

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Dean Vonderheide, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Indiana, on this 3rd day of October, 2024, do hereby give permission to the Sons of the American Legion Post 147 of the City of Jasper, Indiana to conduct the "INDOOR LONG RIFLE MEAT SHOOT" as a temporary exception to the Jasper Municipal Code §7.20 "Discharging Firearms."

Discharge of firearms in the designated location is granted only during the hours of operation of the event on Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. and as necessary for the safe set-up of the event. This order expires at the conclusion of said event or upon rescinding by Mayor Vonderheide. It does not set precedence for any future event.



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Dean Vonderheide, Mayor  
City of Jasper, Indiana