

ORDINANCE HL 97-01
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING RECKLESS
DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF BLOUNT)
TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE)

ARTICLE I

Definition of a Firearm

A firearm shall be defined as any device using an explosive charge (black powder, smokeless powder, etc.) to propel a projectile.

ARTICLE II

Reckless Discharge of a Firearm

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person within the town limits of The Town of Highland Lake to willfully or through neglect, fire, shoot or otherwise discharge a firearm in such a manner as to put persons, or the property of another, at risk of harm.
- B. It shall be unlawful to fire, shoot or otherwise discharge a firearm into or across Highland Lake.
- C. It shall be unlawful to fire, shoot or otherwise discharge a firearm into a building, occupied or otherwise.
- D. It shall be unlawful to fire, shoot, or otherwise discharge a firearm into a motor vehicle, occupied or otherwise.
- D. It shall be unlawful to fire, shoot, or otherwise discharge a firearm from or across a public road way.

ARTICLE III

Definition of a Reckless Discharge of Firearm

- A. Any discharge of a Firearm that clearly endangers the safety of persons, pets, livestock or property shall be deemed reckless.
- B. Any discharge of a firearm where the danger to persons, pets, livestock or property, is not overtly apparent but is, in the opinion of a police officer, a hazard to public safety, shall be deemed reckless.

ARTICLE IV

Exemptions

This ordinance shall in no wise restrict;

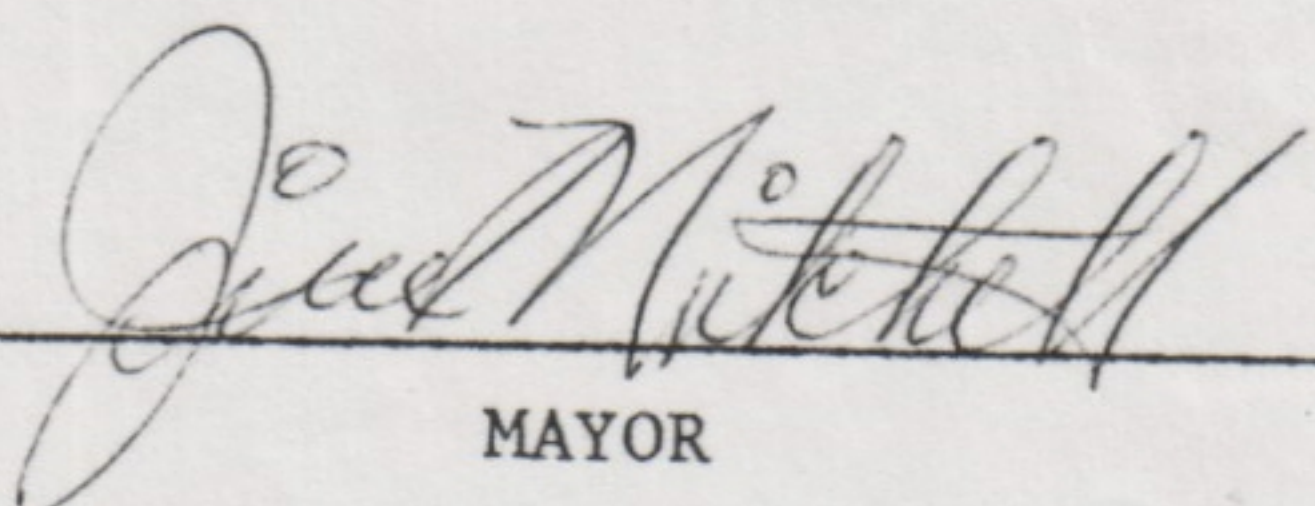
- (1) A police officer in the discharge of his duties.
- (2) A person in defense of his or her home, property or personal safety.
- (3) A person engaged in otherwise lawful activities.

ARTICLE V

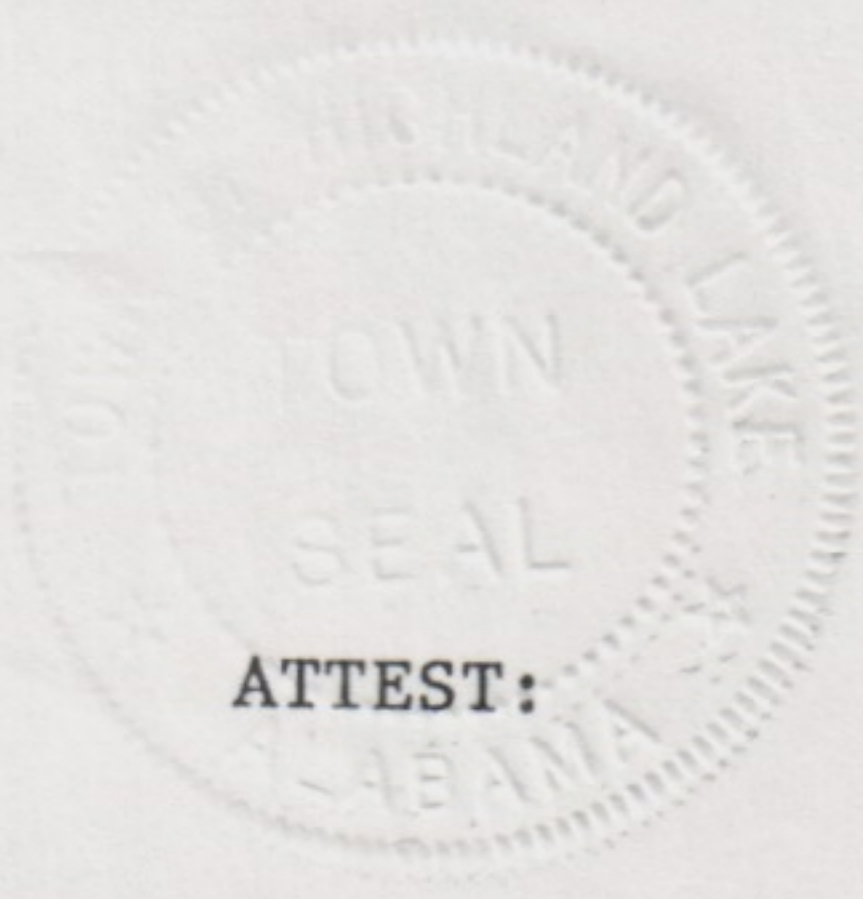
Penalties for violation

A person convicted of violation this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five (500) hundred dollars and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland Lake on the 20th day of January 1997.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


Barrie Cornelius

TOWN CLERK

This ordinance has been advertised in three public places for five consecutive days from Feb. 5, 1997 through Feb. 10, 1997.