AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Randolph:

Section 1. RESTRICTIONS

No person shall discharge a firearm in such a manner as to allow the projectile from that firearm to impact upon or travel across the property of another without the consent of that property owner or the lawful occupier thereof. A "firearm" means a weapon which will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

Section 2. EXCEPTIONS

This ordinance shall not be construed as prohibiting discharge of a firearm:

- A. By law enforcement or animal control officers in the performance of their duty;
- B. In defense of life or property.

Section 3. EXEMPTIONS

This ordinance shall not be construed to rescind any of the state wildlife laws of North Carolina.

Section 4. PENALTIES

A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days; provided further, that a violation of this ordinance may cause a civil penalty to be recovered by Randolph County in a civil action in the nature of a debt in accordance with NCGS 153A-123; provided further, that this ordinance may be enforced by an appropriate, equitable remedy, including injunction and order of abatement, issued from a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with NCGS 153A-123. Each day's continuing violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective June 7, 1993.

This ordinance was Introduced at the May 3, 1993 meeting of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.