**ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP**

**WRIGHT COUNTY, MN**

**RESOLUTION OF TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 11.1**

**RESOLUTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE TOWNSHIP’S FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of Rockford Township ordains as follows:

* The Town Board has determined that it is in the public interest to repeal and replace Ordinance Nos 91-1 and 91-2[[1]](#footnote-1) (collectively, as amended, the “1991 Firearms Ordinance”);

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing regarding the same was held on **November 1, 2022**; and

**WHEREAS**, proper notice was given of the public hearing and all those in attendance were permitted to testify; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township accepted written submissions at and prior to the public hearing.

**FINDINGS**

The Town Board of Rockford Township hereby finds:

* Circumstances have arisen where the discharge of firearms within the Town’s boundaries have caused public safety and planning concerns and have endangered the health and safety of its residents; and
* Minnesota Statutes, section 366.01, subdivision 2 grants the Township authority to regulate or prohibit the discharge of firearms when deemed to be in the public interest; and
* It is the intention of the Township of Rockford to ensure Township residents are safe from the discharge of firearms; and
* The purpose for the proposed amendments is public safety, public interest, and planning; and
* Therefore, the Town Board of Rockford Township resolves to repeal and replace the 1991 Firearms Ordinance with a safer ordinance, more in line with the public interest.

The Town Board of Rockford Township hereby concludes that the repeal and replacement of the 1991 Firearms Ordinance with a new, more holistic ordinance is in the public’s interest and is necessary to keep the public safe from firearms discharges. This matter was specifically discussed at the public hearing. The new firearms ordinance is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Firearms Ordinance”).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of Rockford Township, having reviewed the record of the proceedings and with the input of the public, does hereby determine to repeal the 1991 Firearms Ordinance and ordain, adopt and enact the new Firearms Ordinance, which is shown on the attached **Exhibit A**.

**SUMMARY**

The Town Board hereby adopts and approves the following as its summary of the Firearms Ordinance being amended, and finds the same to conform to Minnesota Statutes, section 331A.01, subdivision 10:

Public Notice. On the **1st** day of **November 2022**, the Town Board of Rockford Township repealed its firearms and explosives ordinances and replaced them with a new ordinance regulating the discharge of firearms, fireworks, and explosives within Rockford Township (the “Firearms Ordinance”). The adoption and enactment of the Firearms Ordinance was done in the interests of the public and for purposes of public safety, public welfare and Town planning. A printed copy of the Township’s ordinances is available for inspection by any person during the clerk's regular office hours at the Rockford Township office, Rockford Township, MN, or at the community library, along with a copy placed on file with Wright County at the County Law Library.

**FORMALITIES**

The Town Clerk is forthwith directed to publish, post and record the Firearms Ordinance as follows:

1. The Clerk of the Township is instructed to publish the Firearms Ordinance title and summary in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, in a type size no smaller than brevier or 8-point type. Minn. Stat. § 365.125, subd. 2 (2020).
2. The Clerk is instructed to record the Ordinance in the Town’s Ordinance book within twenty (20) days after publication of the title and summary. Proof of said publication shall be attached to the recorded Ordinance. Minn. Stat. § 365.125, subd. 5 (2020).
3. The Clerk is instructed to file a copy of the full text of the Ordinance with the County Law Library and to place a copy of the full text of the Ordinance in the location named in the summary above, as well as placing a copy on the community library. Minn. Stat. § 415.021 (2020).

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Dated: November 1, 2022

**All those in favor: All those opposed:**

Greg Eckblad None

Dennis Beise

John Deitering

Dale Otten

Joel Kjome

**ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Rockford this **1st** day of **November 2022**.

Greg Eckblad, Chair of the Town Board of Supervisors

The Ordinance and Resolution

X passes

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Signed/Attested:

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Rachelle McDougall, Town Clerk

1. Respectively, “An Ordinance Regulating the Discharge of Firearms, Dangerous Weapons, Explosives, Explosive Devices, and Incendiary Devices within the limits of the Town of Rockford and Providing a Penalty for Violation Thereof, and Repealing an Ordinance Dated February 12, 1974” and “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 91-1, Regulating the Discharge of Firearms, Dangerous Weapons, Explosives, Explosive Devices, And Incendiary Devices Within The Limits Of The Town Of Rockford”. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)