

1 CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

2
3 ORDINANCE NO. 13

4
5 Series, 2019

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7 INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

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9 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, STATE
10 OF COLORADO, AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTERS 1, 3,
11 AND 8 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING INDOOR AND
12 OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGES AS CONDITIONAL
13 USES

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15 WHEREAS, The Littleton City Code does not specifically identify, define, and
16 regulate indoor and outdoor shooting ranges in the City of Littleton;

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18 WHEREAS, In order to preserve and promote the public health, safety and
19 general welfare of the inhabitants of the city and of the public generally and to regulate
20 development in such a manner to encourage and facilitate the orderly growth and expansion of
21 the City of Littleton, indoor and outdoor shooting ranges must be specifically identified, defined,
22 and regulated;

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24 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2019, the Planning Commission of the City of
25 Littleton held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to specifically identify, define, and
26 regulate indoor and outdoor shooting ranges in the City of Littleton; and

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28 WHEREAS, Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted
29 seven in favor and zero against to recommend approval of proposed amendments to the Littleton
30 City Code, including those to specifically identify, define, and regulate indoor and outdoor
31 shooting ranges in the City of Littleton.

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33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
34 THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

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36 **Section 1:** Littleton City Code Amended. Littleton City Code Title 10,
37 Chapters 1, 3, and 8 are hereby amended as provided in Exhibit A to specifically identify, define,
38 and regulate indoor and outdoor shooting ranges, effective upon publication.

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40 **Section 2:** Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
41 phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
42 validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it
43 would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
44 phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences,
45 clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

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47 **Section 3:** Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in
48 conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the
49 repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

1 INTRODUCTION AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council
2 of the City of Littleton on the 2nd day of April, 2019, passed on first reading by a vote of 7 FOR
3 and 0 AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the
4 Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

5 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 16th day of April,
6 2019, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado,
7 at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

8 MOTION TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING to the 7th day of May,
9 2019, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado,
10 at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard. Passed by a vote of 7 FOR and
11 0 AGAINST.

12 TABLED TO A DATE CERTAIN by a vote of 7 FOR and 0 AGAINST on the 7th day of
13 May, 2019 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal
14 Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

15 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of
16 FOR and _____ AGAINST on the 21st day of May, 2019 and ordered published by posting at
17 Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

18 ATTEST:

19 _____
20 Wendy Heffner
21 CITY CLERK

Debbie Brinkman
MAYOR

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23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 _____
26 CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit A

10-1-2 DEFINITIONS

SHOOTING RANGE-INDOOR: A building open to the general public where the shooting of firearms or the use of archery for the purpose of target practice is conducted. Indoor Shooting Ranges maintained or operated by the police department, county sheriff’s office or state patrol and which are not available to the general public shall be treated as ancillary to the law enforcement facility and not part of this definition. Indoor shooting ranges containing an ancillary retail use, or vice-versa, shall have to meet all requirements of this code as a conditional use.

SHOOTING RANGE-OUTDOOR: The use of land for archery and/or the discharging of firearms for purposes of target practice, skeet and trap shooting. Outdoor shooting ranges containing an ancillary retail use, or vice-versa, shall have to meet all requirements of this code as a conditional use.

10-3-2 LAND USE TABLE

Land Use Categories	Zone Districts																						
	A 1	R S	R L	R E	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 3 X	R 4	R 5	M H	B P	T	B 1	B 2	B 3	C A	S T P	I P	I 1	I 2	C E M	
11.00 RECREATION, AMUSEMENTS, ENTERTAINMENT																							
11.10 Activity conducted within fully enclosed structure																							
11.11 Bowling alleys, ice skating and rollerskating																P	P						
11.12 Movie theater/theaters																	P	P	P				
11.13 Teen club																	C	C					
11.14 Adult entertainment																					P	P	
11.15 Indoor amusements not included in 11.11																	C	C					
11.16 Health/recreation clubs																	P	P	P				
11.17 Tattoo parlors and body arts studios																	C	C	C			P	P
11.18 Indoor shooting range																		C			C	C	
11.20 Activity conducted primarily outside enclosed structure																	C	C					
11.21 Outdoor shooting range																					C	C	
11.30 Library, reading room (private)														P	P	P	P	P	P				
11.40 Off track betting																		S	S			S	S

10-8-2: REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES:

(S) Indoor Shooting Ranges shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Notice of the public hearing on the conditional use permit shall be provided to all owners of real property pursuant to Section 10-1-9(C) of this code;
2. Shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential zoning district;
3. Shall not be located within 500 feet of a childcare center, church, school-public; school private or park used for active or passive recreation;
4. If retail sales and repair of weapons and/or ammunition is conducted on the range premises, the management shall comply with all licensing and operation requirements of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and all state and local regulations;

Exhibit A

5. An alarm system, cut wire protected, shall be supplied to provide security on the premises, and a security plan shall be submitted to the city for review and recommendation by the police department;
6. Firearms that are stored on the premises shall be secured, when the range is closed for business, by either:
 - a. A vault with an alarm system, independent of the general alarm system and cut wire protected; or
 - b. In a case connected by a cut resistant cable;
7. The Range area shall be equipped with a video surveillance system and media shall be retained for law enforcement inspection for a period of not less than ninety (90) days;
8. The design and construction of the firing range shall totally confine all fired projectiles within the building in a controlled manner;
9. The design and construction of the firing range shall be certified by a professional design consultant registered in this state and shall include the specifications and construction of the bullet traps, ceilings, exterior and interior walls and floors;
10. No ammunition shall be used in the range that exceeds the certified design and construction specifications of the firing range; and
11. On-site supervision of the range shall be supplied at all times by a person 18 years of age or older with credentials as a qualified range master.

(T) Outdoor Shooting Ranges shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Notice of the public hearing on the conditional use permit shall be provided to all owners of real property pursuant to Section 10-1-9(C) of this code;
2. All activities, improvements, and structures shall be setback a minimum of 500 feet from adjoining properties and a minimum of 1,500 feet from residential or agricultural buildings;
3. Shall not be sited within one mile of structures located in the direct line of fire;
4. Shall be designed to provide protection for accidental or stray ammunition discharge for surrounding properties and to minimize noise with the placement of landscaping and restriction of operating hours;
5. Only firearms shall be discharged at the range;
6. The property must be fenced and controlled by a lockable gate;
7. Warning signs identifying the range must be posted around the perimeter of the property;
8. No retail sales of firearms or their repair shall be permitted as an accessory use to an outdoor shooting range;
9. No ammunition shall be used in the range that exceeds the certified design and construction specifications of the firing range;
10. On-site supervision of the range shall be supplied at all times by a person 18 years of age or older with credentials as a qualified range master; and
11. Storage of firearms shall be prohibited at outdoor shooting ranges.