

Ordinance No. 2024-___

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OWEN COUNTY CODE

CHAPTER 115: SHOOTING RANGES

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the County of Owen desire to keep the citizens and visitors safe and secure from dangerous projectiles leaving the confines of a shooting range;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the County of Owen find that shooting ranges, under certain circumstances, can be a serious and substantial concern and/or can create public nuisances;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of County of Owen find that certain provisions of Chapter 115: Shooting Ranges should be amended;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of County of Owen find this Ordinance would promote the health, safety, comfort, and general welfare of the citizens of Owen County;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the County of Owen have determined that amending Owen County Code Chapter 115: Shooting Ranges is in the best interests of Owen County and its residents; And,

WHEREAS, for clarification Owen County Code Chapter 115: Shooting Ranges was added to Title XI: Business Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by The Board of Commissioners of the County of Owen the following:

SECTION ONE

AMENDMENTS OF OWEN COUNTY CODE

CHAPTER 115: SHOOTING RANGES

Owen County Code (OCC) Chapter 115: Shooting Ranges, as attached hereto, is hereby amended as follows:

A. OCC § 115.02 REGULATION OF SHOOTING RANGES

1. At the beginning of the narrative add: IC 14-22-31.5-3 authorizes a local unit of government to regulate the location, use, operation, safety, and construction of a shooting range.

2. Strike Subsections C, D, and E and rename Subsection E to Subsection C.

B. OCC § 115.03 PENALTY

1. In Subsection (B), strike Owen County Commissioners and replace with: Hearing Authority, as defined in Owen County's Unsafe Building and Premises Law, Owen County Code §156.03.

2. Add Subsection (D) Penalties shall be placed in the Unsafe Building Fund as established in Owen County Code §156.03

C. Attached hereto is the revised version of Owen County Code Chapter 115: Shooting Ranges.

SECTION TWO

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and publication as required.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Owen County, State of Indiana, in a regular meeting held on the 20th day of November, 2024.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OWEN:

Gary Burton, President

Robert Curry, Vice-President

Joel Lowe, Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Sheila Reeves, Auditor