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Section 1. Use of Firearms Regulated.

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, fire, or discharge any gun, pistol or other type of firearm within the Village of Whispering Pines, except as follows:

- a. In defense of himself and his family or in defense of his property against robbers, trespassers, plunderers, marauders or any other person bent on committing a crime thereon;
- b. This ordinance shall not apply to any law enforcement officer while in the performance of his official duties and in discharging the duties of his office;
- c. This ordinance shall not apply to any area in the Village where the Council grants special permission for firearms to be used, under properly prescribed regulations.

Section 2. Discharge of BB Guns, Air Rifles, and Paint Ball Guns

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry, discharge, shoot, or otherwise fire any BB gun, paintball gun, air rifle, air pistol, pellet gun, or similar type weapon within the corporate limits of the Village except on that individual's private property, or as an invited guest on another's private property, and if under the age of 16 under immediate adult supervision.

Section 3. Discharge of a Bow, Recurve Bow, Automatic Bow, Compound Bow and Crossbow

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, shoot or otherwise fire any traditional or recurve bow within the limits of Whispering Pines except:
 - 1) for recreational purposes only and in a manner as not to be dangerous to adjoining property and Village residents;
 - 2) on that individual's private property or as a guest on another's private property and if under the age of 16 under immediate adult supervision; and
 - 3) any arrow discharged from a bow must have a blunt (non-penetrating) tip
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, shoot or otherwise fire any automatic bow, compound bow or crossbow within the corporate limits of Whispering Pines.

Section 4. Signs to Restrict Concealed Weapons on Municipal Property

- a. **Posting of Signs Required.** Agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and instructed to post conspicuous signage at appropriate locations on, at or within each park, including lakes, and each building or portion of a building owned, leased as lessee, operated, occupied, managed or controlled by the Village as well as the appurtenant premise to such buildings, indicating that carrying or displaying a concealed handgun or other weapon is prohibited therein.
- b. **Location of Signs.** Signs for buildings shall be visibly posted on the exterior to be visible by persons using each entrance by which the general public can enter the building. The sign for appurtenant premises and parks, including lakes shall be

placed as reasonably determined to provide notice to individuals entering upon such grounds.

Article II – Noises

Section 1. Noises Regulated

The creation, production or emission of any loud noise, amplified speech, music, or other sounds that tend to annoy, disturb or frighten anyone within the Village is hereby prohibited. Specifically prohibited acts under this Ordinance include, but are not limited to, the following:

Vehicle horns and signaling devices

The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound, and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

Use of gong or siren on vehicle

The use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle other than a police, fire rescue or other emergency vehicle.

Radios, Phonographs, Television, Etc

The playing of any radio, phonograph, television or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any resident.

Exhaust Discharge

The discharge of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or water craft engine, except through a muffler or other device that will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises.

Devices Using Compressed Air

The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air, unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.

Construction Activities

Any erecting, excavating, building, demolishing, repairing, altering and similar noise-making activities other than between the hours 7:00 am and 8:00 pm on Monday through Saturday. In the case of urgent necessity, permits may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator for up to three days (3) while the emergency continues.