

ORDINANCE NO. 170

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 71 WHICH PROHIBITS THE FIRING OF RIFLES, PISTOLS, SHOTGUNS, AIRGUNS, BOWS, OR ANY OTHER WEAPON OR INSTRUMENT OF SIMILAR CHARACTER TO BE USED FOR HUNTING WITHIN THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE BY PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATION

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1995, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 71 which prohibits the firing of rifles, pistols, shotguns, airguns, bows, or any other weapon or instrument of similar character to be used for hunting within the city; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended to the City Council that Ordinance No. 71 be amended to attain regulations which are less restrictive to citizen activities but still maintain safeguards for citizen's well-being; and

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 71 is amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge any firearm, airgun, or bow and arrow; or to hunt any game animal; or to set a trap for any animal within the city limits of the City of University Place.

Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 71 is amended to read as follows:

Section 1 of this ordinance does not apply to:

A. Any person engaged in military, law enforcement, or school district security activities;

B. Any person who is involved in a convention, showing, demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors are handled or displayed;

C. Any person while the person is participating in a firearms or air gun competition approved by the school or school district;

D. Any person engaging in practice in the use of a firearm or target shooting at an established range authorized by the City of University Place, or any other area where the discharge of a firearm is not prohibited.

E. Any person setting a trap for any non-game animal which would normally be considered a nuisance--such as, but not limited to, old world rats and mice.

F. Any person engaged in the use of an airgun or bow and arrow while target practicing, providing that the target is stationary and is in front of a safe backstop. The person firing the weapon must be positioned close enough to the target and backstop to be considered safe and to ensure that no projectiles miss or go beyond the backstop.

Section 3. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 71 is amended to read as follows:

All terms in this ordinance have their normal and customary definitions, or as defined in RCW 77.08 or RCW 9.41.

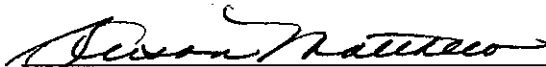
Section 4. Publication and Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This ordinance shall be effective five days after its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 3, 1997.



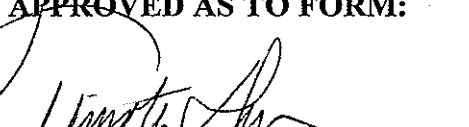
Linda Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Matthew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

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