

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2016-89

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING**
2 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.25.030 TO ALLOW THE**
3 **DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM INTO A BULLET TRAP OR CLEARING BARREL**
4 **AT THE BUSINESS PREMISES OF COMMERCIAL GUNSMITHS IN NON-**
5 **RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS HOLDING A VALID FEDERAL FIREARMS**
6 **LICENSE.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Municipal Code, Title 8, prohibits the discharge of firearms
10 except in areas open to hunting or upon established shooting ranges;

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12 **WHEREAS**, this prohibition makes it illegal for commercial gunsmiths to test fire
13 their firearms within the Municipality;

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15 **WHEREAS**, in order to test new firearms and make repairs to previously owned
16 firearms, commercial gunsmiths in Anchorage must be able to discharge their
17 firearms, which is commonly performed in this industry by shooting into a bullet
18 trap or clearing barrel on the premises; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
21 ("ATF") provides federal firearms licenses to qualified firearms manufacturers;
22 now, therefore,

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24 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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26 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 8.25.030 is hereby amended to
27 read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set*
28 *out*):

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30 **8.25.030 Unlawful use or possession of firearms.**

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32 A. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly:
33 1. Shoot, discharge or flourish any firearm, air rifle or air pistol
34 within the Municipality of Anchorage except
35 a. in those areas open to the public for lawful hunting,
36 [OR]
37 b. upon established shooting ranges, or
38 c. on the business premises of a commercial gunsmith
39 holding a valid federal firearms license, provided that a
40 firearm may only be shot or discharged
41 i. by the holder of the federal firearms license, or
42 an owner, director or employee of the person
43 holding the license,
44 ii. on business premises located outside of a

residential district, as the term residential district is used in Title 21,

iii. into a bullet trap or clearing barrel that effectively and actually receives and captures any bullet, pellet, shot, or similar projectile shot or discharged from the firearm.

(GAAB 18.05.010.D; AO No. 98-59(S), § 1, 5-19-98; AO No. 2003-73, § 3, 4-22-03; AO No. 2014-42, § 2, 6-21-14)

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of August, 2016.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk