PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #:

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	September 13, 2011	[] []	Consent Workshop	[] [X]	Regular Public Hearing
Department:	County Attorney				
Submitted By:	County Attorney				
Submitted For:	County Attorney				

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 1, SECTION 28-22 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Summary: The subject ordinance deletes the prohibition of discharging a firearm east of the line that was delineated in the ordinance, or west within three hundred (300) yards of any structure. This amendment is necessary due to a change in state law, which prohibits a county from adopting any ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to the regulation of firearms and ammunition. Any existing ordinances, rules, or regulations not specifically authorized by the legislature are in violation of state law and must be amended. (AH, Countywide)

Background and Policy Issues: Chapter 2011-109 Laws of Florida, which amends Florida Statute, section 790.33, provides a preemption by the legislature that it is occupying the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition including the purchase, sale, transfer, taxation, manufacture, ownership, possession, storage, and transportation thereof, to the exclusion of all existing and future county, city, town, or municipal ordinances or any administrative regulations or rules adopted by local or state governments. Any such existing ordinances, rules or regulations are declared null and void. Additionally, Chapter 2011-109 Laws of Florida created penalties if any person, county, municipality, district or other entity violates the Legislature's occupation of the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition. Such penalties extend to elected or appointed local government officials under whose jurisdiction the violation occurred, and includes a civil fine up to \$5,000 against the elected or appointed local government official and could be cause for removal from office by the Governor. The above amendment is necessary to bring Chapter 28, Article 2, Division 1, Section 28-22 of the Palm Beach County Code into statutory compliance.

Attachments:	Proposed ordinance.				
Recommended by	r:Coupty Attorney		_		
Approved by:	N/A	Date	_		

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Capital Expenditures	\$	-0-	-0	0	<u>0-</u>
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	0	0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0	<u>-0-</u> _0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	<u>-0-</u> _0-	<u>-0</u> 0-	-0-
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Is Item Included in Current	Budget? Yes		No		
Budget Account No.:	Fund	Depart	Unit		
	Object	Program			

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

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A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments: VI DEVELOPMENT Contract Dev. and Control Comments: OFMB VA OFMB VA Contract Dev. and Control B. Legal Sufficiency:

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C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE II, FIREARMS; AMENDING FIREARMS; **SECTION** 28-22. DISCHARGE OF **PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT;** PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODE OF LAWS AND **INCLUSION** IN THE ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that Chapter 28,

Article II of the Palm Beach County Code, Firearms, needs to be amended in order to comply with Chapter 2011-109 Laws of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that: Chapter 28 of the

Palm Beach County Code of Law and Ordinances, Article II, Firearms is hereby amended as

follows:

Section 1.

Sec. 28-22. Discharge of firearms.

- (a) Prohibited activity: No person shall discharge a firearm east of the boundary described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part of hereof. Further, no person shall discharge a firearm west of said boundary within three hundred (300) yards of any structure.
- (b) *Exceptions:* The prohibitions set forth in subsection (a) above shall not apply to a person lawfully defending life or property or performing official duties requiring the discharge of firearms. Further, this article shall not apply to the discharge of firearms within the confines of approved and licensed shooting ranges as provided for in article 6 of the Palm Beach County Unified Land Development Code, law enforcement agency ranges, existing commercial and private shooting ranges and gun clubs, and official hunting areas. The prohibition is also not applicable to the discharge of shotguns utilizing shot shells on land which is zoned agricultural and which has a minimum parcel size of five (5) acres so long as no discharge of firearms is conducted within three hundred (300) yards of any structure situated on another's property. Further, the discharge of blank or non lethal shells or cartridges is not prohibited by this article.

Section 2. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT:

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY:

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. CAPTIONS:

The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on filing with the Department of State.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach

County, Florida, on this the _____ day of ______, 20____.

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK AND COMPTROLLER

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:_____ Deputy Clerk By:_____ Karen T. Marcus, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: <u>Anne Veljant</u> County Attorney

Filed with the Department of State on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

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COUNTY: $(fALM_BEACH_)$ COUNTY ORDINANCE # (201)					
PRIMARY KEYFIELD FIBEARMS					
SECONDARY KEYFIELD DESCRIPTOR: (public safley)					
OTHER KEYFIELD DESCRIPTOR: ()					
ORDINANCE DESCRIPTION: (Discharge of firearms) (25 characters maximum including spaces)					
ORDINANCES AMENDED: (List below the ordinances that are amended by this legislation. If more than two, list the most recent two.)					
AMENDMENT # 1: (99.5) AMENDMENT # 2: ()					
ORDINANCES REPEALED: (List below the ordinances that are repealed by this legislation.)					
REPEAL # 1: () REPEAL # 3: ()					
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(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY): COUNTY CODE NUMBER: ()					
KEYFIELD 1 CODE: () KEYFIELD 2 CODE: ()					
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