

STATE OF GEORGIA**CITY OF MORROW****ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09**

A ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY CONCERNING FIREARMS IN THE FIRE STATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND INCLUSION IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Morrow (“City”) is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-2-1 of the City’s Code of Ordinances requires the governing authority to approve all changes to the Fire Department’s rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has proposed, in writing, to amend the department’s Rules and Regulations to include a new policy concerning firearms in the fire station; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed and approved said firearms policy prior to its submission to the governing authority for approval; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority desires to adopt and enact said firearms policy to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA, and by the authority thereof:

Section One: The document entitled “City of Morrow Fire Department Policy: Firearms in the Fire Stations” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is incorporated herein by reference and is hereby adopted and the Fire Department’s Rules and Regulations are hereby amended to include said policy.

Section Two. The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

Section Three. (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases,

clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

Section Four. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section Five. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise stated herein.

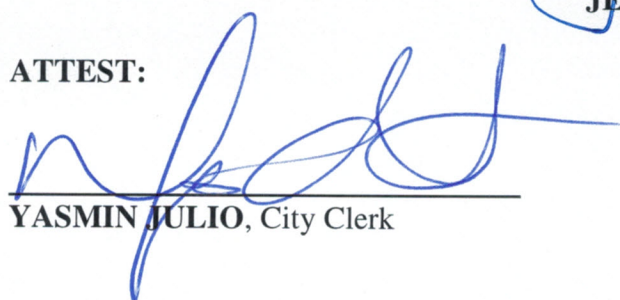
Section Six. The changes set forth above shall not be codified within the Code of Ordinances, City of Morrow, Georgia.

ORDAINED this 27th day of June, 2017.

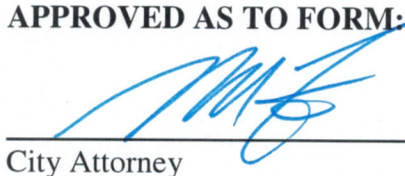
CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA



JEFFREY A. DETAR, Mayor

ATTEST:


YASMIN JULIO, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

City of Morrow Fire Department Policy

FIREARMS IN THE FIRE STATIONS

Effective Date: June 28, 2017

Next Review: March 31, 2017

Roger Swint, Fire Chief

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To prevent possible theft of an employee's handgun from their personal vehicle while on duty.

2.0 Divisions Affected

- 2.1 All fire department personnel

3.0 Responsibilities

- 3.1 All officers are responsible to comply with and ensure that personnel under their command are adequately trained, fully understand and comply with this policy.
- 3.2 All fire department personnel have the responsibility to learn and follow this policy.

4.0 Procedure

- 4.1 An employee may choose to store one (1) **handgun** that they own or that they have been issued by an approved governing body within the fire station while on duty.
- 4.2 Employees are prohibited from bringing any ammunition into the fire station whether it is loaded in a firearm, in a magazine or loose, regardless of caliber.
- 4.3 The firearm can only be stored at the fire station while the owner is on duty.
- 4.4 The firearm can only be stored in the fire station the employee is assigned to on that particular shift.
- 4.5 The firearm shall never be visible outside of the employee's vehicle except while placing it in the employee's locker to stow or removing it from the employee's locker to transport it to their vehicle.
- 4.5 Anytime the firearm is stored in the employee's locker the employee must secure the locker with their own padlock unless the owner has visual sight of the locker.