

Memo

From: Adrianna Hennen, Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 5/23/17

Re: Gun Ordinance

Rodney recently asked that we look at the gun ordinance. Currently the firing of any firearm or BB gun is prohibited (Section 2000.07, line 8). Dymoke looked into what would happen if the council decided to repeal this part of the City ordinance.

If Section 2000.07, line 8 were repealed, State Statutes would apply to the discharge of firearms/BB guns in Freeport.

If there were an incident in Freeport involving the discharge of a firearm or BB gun, the Sheriff would most likely charge the offense under state law.

Dymoke stated the only benefit to retaining the City Code provision is that it creates a plea bargaining chip. City Code violations are misdemeanors, most of the State Statute violations are gross misdemeanors or felonies.