



**TOWN OF BETWEEN, GEORGIA
ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIRARMS WITHIN
THE TOWN OF BETWEEN JURISDICTION**

ORDINANCE NO. 1000.00

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BETWEEN JURISDICTION.

It is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the Town of Between, Georgia that an ordinance shall be established to regulate the discharge of firearms within the town jurisdiction.

The O.C.G.A. 16-11-173(e) allows municipalities and counties to “reasonably limit or prohibit the discharge of firearms” within their boundaries.

SECTION 1: That Chapter _____, Section 1000.00, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Between, Georgia is to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any handgun, shotgun, rifle or any device which is capable of expelling a projectile using an *explosive charge as a propellant* within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Between.

It shall further restrict the discharge of other types of firearms i.e. BB guns, pellet guns or airsoft guns:

1. In a carelessly and heedlessly manner so as to endanger any person or property.
2. Without due caution or circumspection and in a manner so as to endanger any person or property and resulting in the unlawful property damage or bodily injury of another.

This ordinance shall not be construed to prohibit:

1. Any sworn officer of the law whether local, state or federal, from discharging a firearm in the performance of his or her duty.
2. Any citizen from discharging a firearm when lawfully defending person or property.
3. Any citizen from discharging a firearm when protecting against the attack of any dangerous or destructive animal or reptile.
4. Any performance of an historical ceremony, commemorative function or funeral ceremony when firing blanks as a lawful purpose.

This ordinance shall not be construed to prohibit property owners within the Town of Between who own five (5) acres or more from discharging any firearm on their property when a National Rifle Association (NRA) or other regulating agency appropriate earthen, timber or metal backstop is in place to absorb the projectile fired from a firearm. Discharging of any firearm shall be permitted only during daylight hours between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm., Eastern Standard Time or 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, whichever is applicable.

SECTION 2: If any provision, section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or the application to such other persons or set of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Town Council of the Town of Between, Georgia, in adopting this ordinance, that no portion or provision therefore or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reason of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion or provision.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be published and become effective in accordance with the Town of Between Charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the First Reading on the 11 day of May, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on the Second Reading on the 8 day of June, 2026.

Town Clerk

Mayor

