

Mr. Bradley,

As a constituent in living in District 2 since 1988, I want to express serious concerns about the proposed firearms restrictions committee. The act of having this committee implies that something in the way of recommendations for an ordinance must come out of this committee. I have attached a document that I created to distribute to members of American Legion Post 48 Chesnee so they can be informed about this issue. Post 48 has had a hand gun range behind our building on our property since the mid-1980's. This range went into disrepair for a number of years, but has been fully functional since 2008. This is "more-or-less" a range that is open to the public. Since we began collecting Liability Agreements in 2012 (after a Spartanburg County Deputy and CWP instructor accidentally shot a CWP class student), we have had more than 740 people sign these agreements plus an unknown number who have used the range and not followed our instructions by signing one on these agreements. I have been a member of the "work crew" and paperwork administrator of this range since that time. For full disclosure, we "rent" keys to members of the public (anyone not a member of A. L. Post 48) on an annual basis. More information can be seen at

<http://www.americanlegionpost48chesnee.com/>

then click on "Range Information". You can browse to a variety of areas to see what we do on the range. This range is "unmanned"; that is, we do not have a person who is at the range during open hours.

I would like to request that you provide me with the number of accidental shootings of someone other than themselves in Spartanburg County from 2008 to date by persons discharging a firearm on their property while doing target practice or hunting. My suspicion is that this number will be extremely low.

I will also warn you that the people that you appoint to this committee need to be scrutinized very closely. The danger facing Council is that anti-gun people are small in number, very vocal, and very much activists. It is sad that American citizens do not understand that the reason we are free today is because of the Second Amendment, not the First or any other amendment.

I remind you that Republicans, at their Convention in 2012 approved in the S. C. Republican Party Platform:

(a) "The South Carolina Republican Party acknowledges the high position of property rights in a free society" (Page 9). How much are you (Council) going to tell me what I can or cannot do on my property? I pay a lot of taxes to the County on this property. If you reduce my use of it, shouldn't you reduce the amount of taxes that I pay?

(b) There is an entire Section titled "THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS" (beginning on Page 19). If you have not read it, I recommend it to you. In addition, "... shall not be infringed." has meaning. I would like for Council to honor that meaning and the Republican Party Platform.

A person who shoots someone else can be prosecuted under current law and/or ordinance. In addition, civil suits can be filed by the victim. Why create more problems for the Sheriff's department? They will be no more able to

enforce an ordinance of this type than they are able to enforce the current noise ordinance. Believe me; they DO NOT enforce the noise ordinance!

My personal information: I am a Professor Emeritus in Computer Science from USC Upstate. I have a PhD in computer science. I have lived in Spartanburg County since 1980 when I moved here to be a professor at USC Spartanburg. I have shot since I was young teenager in Charleston County. I have owned and shot handguns since 1965 when I purchased my first revolver. I reload rifle, pistol, and shot gun cartridges. I would be willing to serve on the aforementioned committee. But I want you to know up front, I intend to do everything in my power to oppose these needless restrictions on citizens of Spartanburg County.

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