

## Talking Points:

1. Subdivision solution
  - (a) Since the Herald Journal article says that Council is concentrating on “subdivisions”; most subdivisions have a document called a “covenant”. A covenant is defined as, “an agreement, usually formal, between two or more persons to do or not do something specified.
  - (b) Even if the subdivision doesn’t have a property owners association, the covenant should address or cover what is required to alter or change the covenant.
  - (c) Call a meeting of all property owners in the subdivision and, following the covenant”, add a clause to prohibit the discharge of a firearm except in cases of self defense within that subdivision.
  - (d) Now the county doesn’t have another ordinance it cannot or will not enforce.
2. How can Council ensure that this ordinance cannot and will not be used as a “weapon” between bickering neighbors? They cannot! It would just add more “stuff” for the Sheriff’s Department to deal with.
3. The Law of Unintended Consequences
  - (a) These types of ordinances frequently impose other restrictions not related to the “problem” they set out to solve. For example, often proximity to churches, day care centers, schools, etc., are “tagged” onto the ordinance. Hence, a viable location that was legal and reasonable prior to the ordinance is now illegal.
  - (b) Here is a possibility that we would like to avoid. The A. L. Post 48 Chesnee structure was built in 1960-1961. The handgun range behind the building was originally installed in the early 1980’s. Chesnee High School, in its current 1994 location, is less than 1000 yards from this range. Will this matter?
4. Any ordinance that is written will have to be laden with exceptions similar to the above. Hence, American Legion Post 48 Chesnee opposes any ordinance that does not guarantee the “grandfathering” of our range or anyone else’s safe “shooting” space.
5. It has been most common, that people who oppose firearms use any means possible to restrict or eliminate firearms. This starts as a simple “I don’t like people discharging a firearm where I can hear it. So just ask the governing body, in this case County Council, to create an ordinance that prohibits the discharge of a firearm in a certain circumstance or location. Next, they find another circumstance and another location. Finally, you can no longer discharge a firearm where anyone else can hear it. Second Amendment be damned.
6. You are still free because of the Second Amendment!