

### **Section 1. Definitions**

RESIDENTIAL AREA: Any area within 300 yards of at least 3 single- or multi-family residential structures.

FIREARM: Any gun, rifle, shotgun, pistol, cannon or other device which is discharged by the igniting of gunpowder from within a firing chamber designed for such purpose as a component of the firearm.

### **Section 2. Regulation**

(A) It shall be a violation of this ordinance to discharge a firearm in any residential areas of unincorporated Lake County.

(B) It shall be a violation of this ordinance to assist in the discharge a firearm in any residential areas of unincorporated Lake County.

(C) It shall not be deemed a violation of this ordinance to discharge a firearm during the lawful defense of persons or property, or in the course of making a lawful arrest, when such force is justified under Article 7 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

### **Section 3. Enforcement**

Violations of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Lake County Sheriff or his or her designee(s) and, at his or her discretion, may proceed either through a notice to appear before the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court or through administrative adjudication pursuant to the Lake County Administrative Adjudication Ordinance. (§§94.50 – 94.66).

### **Section 4. Penalty**

A. Any person who violates or assists in the violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed to have committed an ordinance violation and shall be fined as set forth below. Each twenty-four hour period in which, or during which, a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

B. *Lake County Sheriff's Office Citation filed in Circuit Court.* . If the Ordinance violation is cited for enforcement before the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, the fine amount shall be as follows:

(1) The first violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$250.00.

(2) A second violation of this ordinance by the same Person, within a twelve month period shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$500.00.

(3) A third or subsequent violation of this ordinance by the same Person, within a twelve month period shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$750.00.

*C. Lake County Administrative Adjudication Citation of Violation.*

If the Ordinance violation is cited for enforcement through the Lake County Administrative Adjudication ordinance, the minimum fine amount shall be \$115.00 for each violation.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date**

This ordinance takes effect the first of the month immediately after adoption by the County Board.

Adopted: April 14<sup>th</sup> , 2015