



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of December 11, 2012  
First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of December 18, 2012  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 8, 2012

**DATE:** November 20, 2012  
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Amending Section 33-75 to clarify area for discharge of firearms

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending section 33-75 of the Corpus Christi Code by clarifying the area where discharge of firearm is prohibited, clarifying unlawful act, clarifying areas where waterfowl hunting is not allowed within 1,000 feet; providing an effective date; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

**PURPOSE:** The ordinance is being revised to make it companionable with local government code §229.002. Under 229.002, a city may completely regulate discharge of a firearm within an area annexed by the municipality before September 1, 1981 without any exceptions. The vast majority of Corpus Christi was annexed prior to September 1, 1981.

Other clarifications to the ordinance include more distinct descriptions of the locations where it is unlawful to engage in waterfowl hunting.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The ordinance is being revised in order to clarify issues associated with duck hunting in the Laguna Madre and the City's ability to enforce the existing ordinance.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

None

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

### **CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Conforms to all city policies.

### **EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital      X Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2012-2013</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

**Comments:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approving the revisions to the ordinance.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance