

CITY OF KIRTLAND

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-O-66

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 672.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KIRTLAND REGARDING POINTING AND DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, due to the passage of Ohio Revised Code, Section 9.68 relative to the State regulation of arms and the challenging of political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, due to the passage of R.C. 9.68, the City of Kirtland desires to modify Codified Ordinance 672.12 to include an exception for any protected activities as outlined therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kirtland, County of Lake, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION I: Codified Ordinance Section 672.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 672.12 POINTING AND DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section, no person shall discharge any air gun, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or other firearm, or make use of any sling or arrow, within the corporate limits of the municipality.

(b) No person shall, intentionally and without malice, point or aim a firearm at or toward another or discharge a firearm so pointed or aimed.

(c) This section does not extend to cases in which firearms, slings or arrows are used in self-defense, in the discharge of official duty or in justifiable homicide.

(d) This section does not extend to cases in which firearms are legitimately used in accordance with those protected activities as delineated in R.C. § 9.68(A).

(e) This section does not extend to cases in which BB guns and other air guns, or slings or arrows, are used in the confines of dwellings, provided that such use, if discharged by a minor, is under adult supervision.

(f) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

SECTION III:

(a) It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason to appropriately ensure the safety and welfare of the city as it relates to the discharge of firearms; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the affirmative vote of five members of Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise this Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption at the earliest period allowed by law.

First Reading: October 6, 2025
Second Reading: November 5, 2025
Third Reading: November 17, 2025

DATE PASSED: November 17, 2025



President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his
Approval on this 17th day of
November, 2025.

ATTEST:

Approved by the Mayor this 17th day
of November, 2025.



Clerk of Council
Amend 672.12 – Discharge of Firearms



Mayor Kevin F. Potter