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ORDINANCE #04

2022 – O – 04

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5 and Article IX of the Watertown Zoning, the Zoning Ordinance may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS: On July 23, 2021, the City Council (then the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown) had a first reading on an amendment submitted by the Department of Community Development and Planning, in regard to Section 2.00, Section 5.01, and Section 5.05 (notes), relating to zoning regulation of the sale of firearms; and

WHEREAS: On November 10, 2021 with five members present, the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the amendment and directed Department of Community Development and Planning staff to submit the Planning Board's report and recommendations to the City Council with respect to the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS: On January 25, 2021, the City Council conducted a duly advertised Public Hearing with respect to the proposed Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Watertown that Title XII of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, the Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended, with struck-through language deleted and underlined language inserted, as follows:

1. Amend Article II Definitions - Add a new definition as follows with the renumbering of the following Definition sections, as necessary, starting with Flood, base:

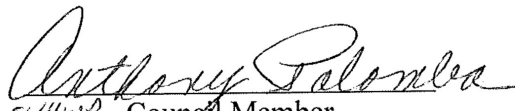
§2.27 Firearms business. A retail or wholesale operation involving the purchase or sale of firearms, ammunition, and/or firearm accessories, including the repairing, altering, cleaning, polishing, engraving, blueing or performing of any mechanical operation on any firearm, and any associated indoor shooting or firing range.

2. Amend Article V Tables of District Regulations. Add a new row to § 5.01 Table of Use Regulations as follows:

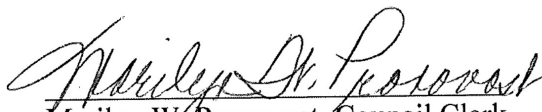
As a Principal Use	S-6	S-10	CR	SC	T	R.75	R1.2	NB	LB	CB	I-1	I-2	I-3	PSCD	OSC	RMUD
3. Business, Office, and Consumer Service Uses																
<u>D. Firearms Business</u>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP (18)	SP (18)	SP (18)	SP (18)	SP (18)	SP (18)	N	SP (18)

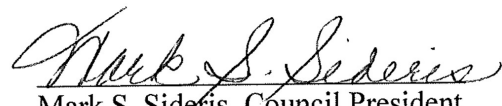
3. Amend Article V Tables of District Regulations. Add a new note to § 5.05 Notes to Table of Use Regulations as follows:

(18) Firearms businesses are prohibited from siting within a radius of five hundred feet (500 ft.) both between other like businesses and/or around pre-existing public or private schools providing education in kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12. Further, there shall be a 500 foot buffer from public parks, playgrounds, and the Charles River Reservation, all as identified within the Watertown Open Space Plan. The distance shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the proposed use to the nearest point of the property line of the pre-existing establishment or park.


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I hereby certify that as a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on January 25, 2022


 Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


 Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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