## **ORDINANCE #11-26:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 130 OF THE PINEHURST MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST.

**THAT WHEREAS**, the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst adopted an ordinance dated September 13, 2011, establishing and implementing certain authorized police powers for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHERAS, the Municipal Code has been subsequently amended from time to time as conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst finds that allowing for the discharge of firearms by professionals at special events should be done in the safest means possible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Village Council of Pinehurst, North Carolina, in work session assembled this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011 as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That Section 130 of the Pinehurst Municipal Code is hereby amended by altering Section 130.01(A) as follows:

## § 130.01 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

(A) Pursuant to authority contained in G. S. § 160A- 189 and for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, it shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge within the corporate limits of the village any gun, pistol, rifle or other firearm. The provisions of this section, however, do not prohibit the discharge of firearms by any law enforcement officer in the discharge of his or her official duties, by any law enforcement officer during a course of instruction, or by any person in the lawful defense of persons or property. The provisions of this section, however, would allow the discharge of shotguns firearms for special events upon the approval of the Village Council. The Police Chief may impose special conditions on the discharge of firearms for the event if they are found to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of persons and/or property. Information may be requested by the Police Chief in order to render this decision.

**SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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VILLAGE OF PINEHURST VILLAGE COUNCIL

By: \_

Virginia F. Fallon, Mayor

Attest:

Linda S. Brown, Village Clerk

Michael J. Newman, Village Attorney