AGENDA ITEM

To: Mayor & City Council
From: Corporal Eric Belshe on behalf of Chief of Police Corey Sloan
Date: October 7, 2010
Re: Hunting regulations at Cameron Reservoirs #1, #2, and #3

Issue:

The City of Cameron has annexed Cameron Reservoirs #1, #2 and #3. Hunting has been allowed on certain areas of the Cameron Reservoirs by current ordinance. The City Council Public Safety Committee met with City Staff, as well as the MO Department of Conservation, and discussed the proposed recreational and physical fitness activities planned around the aforementioned reservoirs. It was the determination of the City Council Committee and City Staff to prohibit all types of hunting, to include firearms and archery, on Cameron Reservoirs #1, #2 and #3 for the benefit of public safety. The State of Missouri has adopted similar regulations in the Code of State Regulations (CSR) which went into effect in September 2010.

The changes to this ordinance will not affect the waterfowl hunting regulations on Grindstone Reservoir.

Recommendation:
Review and pass the attached ordinance.

Bill 2010-59

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 8, OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS, ARTICLE 1, IN GENERAL, SECTION 8-32, SAME-UNLAWFUL USE (OF A WEAPON) AND HUNTING REGULATIONS CAMERON RESERVOIRS ONE, TWO AND THREE, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE

WHEREAS, The Missouri Office of the Secretary of State has amended the Missouri Code of State Regulations providing that, effective September 1, 2010, Title 3 CSR 10-12.125 (1)(C) states "Firearms hunting is prohibited on Cameron (Reservoirs Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Grindstone Reservoir), except waterfowl hunting is permitted under statewide regulations on Cameron (Grindstone Reservoir)"; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-32 of the Cameron City Code currently states (a) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of weapons if he knowingly: (1) Discharges a firearm within the city; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cameron has recently annexed into the city limits of Cameron the properties commonly known and referred to as Cameron Reservoirs #1, #2 and #3; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron desires to amend the current ordinance to substantially resemble the above referenced state regulation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cameron has the authority pursuant to the Missouri State Constitution and its police powers to regulate for the general health, safety and welfare of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Municipal Code, City of Cameron, Missouri is hereby amended in Chapter 8: Offenses – Miscellaneous, Article 1: In General by deleting Section 8-32(a) (1) Discharges a firearm within the city and adding a new Section 8-32(a) (1).

Section 2. A new Section 8-32(a) (1) shall be adopted which will read as follows:

SECTION 8-32(a) (1): DISCHARGES A FIREARM WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CAMERON.

Section 3. A new Section 8-32(e) shall be adopted which will read as follows:

SECTION 8-32(e): THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO OR AFFECT THE FOLLOWING.

Section 4. A new Section 8-32(e) (1) shall be adopted which will read as follows:

SECTION 8-32(d) (1): WATERFOWL HUNTING IS PERMITTED UNDER CITY ORDINANCE AND STATEWIDE REGULATIONS ON GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR.

Section 5. The Mayor is authorized to sign this ordinance approving it on behalf of the City.

Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Read (2) two times, passed and approved this 18th day of October 2010.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk