BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ordinance Adopting Amendments to
DCC Chapter 9.32 Re: Firearm Discharge
Restricted Areas

WHEREAS, Douglas County enacted DCC Chapter 9.32 in 2006 to create areas
within the County where the discharge of firearms was prohibited;

WHEREAS, DCC 9.32.030.A prohibits discharge of firearms from the ordinary
high water mark of the Columbia River to fifty feet easterly of the paved edge of the
Apple Capital Loop Trail;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that fluctuation in the
level of the Columbia River between the Odabashian Bridge (US 2/97) and the George
Sellar Bridge (SR 285) creates dry areas waterward of the ordinary high water mark,
that fluctuations create large accessible dry areas in the vicinity of 19th Street NW
(Porter's Pond and/or Porter's Bay), and that such dry areas are accessible to and used
by the public;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds dry areas waterward of
the ordinary high water mark of the Columbia River between the Odabashian Bridge
(US 2/97) and the George Sellar Bridge (SR 285) are used by hikers, dog walkers and
cyclists, and for other recreation;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the Columbia River
between the Odabashian Bridge (US 2/97) and the George Sellar Bridge (SR 285) is
used for recreational boating, including power boats, canoes and kayaks, and for
fishing from the shore and from boats;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the Columbia River
between the Odabashian Bridge (US 2/97) and the George Sellar Bridge (SR 285) is
used for waterfowl hunting, particularly Porter's Pond and/or Porter's Bay in the vicinity
of 19th Street NW;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the area along the
Columbia River shoreline between the Odabashian Bridge (US 2/97) and the George
Sellar Bridge (SR 285) is within the Greater East Wenatchee Urban Growth Area
designated by the County for urban growth under the Growth Management Act;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that areas near and/or
adjacent to the Columbia River shoreline between the Odabashian Bridge (US 2/97)
and the George Sellar Bridge (SR 285) have been experiencing, and will continue to
experience, substantial development and increased numbers of people, domestic
animals and property improvements;

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the Apple Capital Loop Trail is used by Douglas County residents and visitors for both transportation and recreation purposes;

WHEREAS, the discharge of firearms on the Columbia River, along the Columbia River shoreline and in the area of the Apple Capital Loop Trail presents a reasonable likelihood of placing people, domestic animals and property in jeopardy;

WHEREAS, DCC Chapter 9.32 should be amended to expand the area in which the discharge of firearms is prohibited and thereby protect people, domestic animals and property using the Columbia River, the Columbia River shoreline and/or the Apple Capital Loop Trail area from the Odabashian Bridge (US 2/97) to the George Sellar Bridge (SR 285);

WHEREAS, DCC Chapter 9.32 should be amended to change the penalty imposed for violations, in accordance with RCW 9.41.290; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved and ordained by the Board of Commissioners that DCC 9.32.030 and DCC 9.32.100 be and are hereby amended, effective immediately, to read as follows:

9.32.030 Discharge of firearms prohibited.

A. No person shall discharge any firearm between the boundary line at the mid-line of the Columbia River and fifty feet easterly paved edge of the Apple Capital Loop Trail from the Odabashian Bridge (US 2/97) on the north and the George Sellar Bridge (SR 285) on the south.

B. All portions of the following named Rock Island Ponds lying outside the city limits of the City of Rock Island and lying at or below the Rock Island Project Vertical Datum elevation of 620, and fifty feet from the water mark's edge, located within the following sections:

1. Blue Heron Lake: NW 1/4 Section 26, Township 22N, Range 21 EWM.
2. Big Bow Lake: SE 1/4 Section 23, Township 22N, Range 21 EWM.
3. Hideaway Lake: SW 1/4 Section 24, Township 22N, Range 21 EWM.
4. Hammond Lake: NW 1/4 Section 30, Township 22N, Range 22 EWM.

9.32.100 Violation - Penalty

A violation of this chapter shall be punishable as a gross misdemeanor and subject the violator to the following penalties:

A. First offense: forty-seven dollars, plus statutory assessments;
B. Second offense within three years: one hundred twenty-five dollars, plus statutory assessments; and
C. Third offense within three years: two hundred fifty dollars, plus statutory assessments.

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ADOPTED this 28 day of October, 2014, in regular session at the Commissioner's Chambers, Douglas County Courthouse, Waterville, Washington, by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Vice Chair

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board