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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 06-095

RELATING TO NO-SHOOTING AREAS IN COUNTY PARKS, CLARIFYING
PARKS DIVISION AUTHORITY, AMENDING SCC 10.12.020, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 10.12.020, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 91-077 on June 5, 1991, is amended to read:

10.12.020 Shooting unlawful.

It is unlawful for any person to discharge firearms or any instrument of the kind commonly known as a pellet gun, b-b gun, sling or sling-shot in any of the no-shooting areas as described in SCC 10.12.010; PROVIDED it is not unlawful to discharge firearms or any instrument of the kind commonly known as a pellet gun, b-b gun, sling or sling-shot in the lawful protection of persons or property in such "no-shooting areas," nor shall it be unlawful for any persons, firms or corporations, or his or her or their agent or representative to discharge such firearms or instruments in the course of slaughter of domestic animals for commercial or domestic purposes or for the Washington state game department or duly authorized agents thereof to shoot or destroy merganser ducks or any other fish-eating ducks which they might designate. Discharging such firearms or instruments at shooting ranges (as defined in ((~~SCC 18.90.755~~)) SCC 30.91S.180) which are sited, developed and operated in accordance with all the provisions of ((~~Title 18~~)) Title 30 SCC, or in county parks at times and in areas specifically designated by the parks division and posted for such use pursuant to SCC 22.16.090, shall not be deemed an unlawful action under this section.

Section 2. Findings and effective date. The County Council finds as a fact that existing provisions of the Snohomish County Code relating to county parks and no-shooting areas are in conflict, that existing code provisions will unnecessarily chill or frustrate legitimate uses of county parks contrary to the interests of the County and public, and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace or safety, and for the support of county government and its existing institutions.

