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ORDINANCE 2003-10

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE
2003-07 PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR THE
DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CITY
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PEÑITAS AND
PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Peñitas is a City operating under the General Laws of the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Peñitas previously considered and approved Ordinance 2003-07 which prohibited the discharging of firearms within the corporate limits of the City of Peñitas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peñitas prohibited concealed weapons on city owned premises and provided other regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peñitas acknowledges the right of it's citizens to bear arms for their own personal protection, recreational and sports use; and

WHEREAS, there are property owners within the city of Peñitas that own acreage tracts of land as opposed to residential lots; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peñitas in enacting this Supplemental Ordinance intends to authorize hunting by property owners of large tracts of land within the city limits of Peñitas.

IT IS, THEREFORE RESOLVED AND, ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Peñitas, to wit as follows:

1. The Board of Aldermen find that all requirements of law have been met in the passing of this Ordinance;

2. The Ordinance 2003-07 is hereby amended to provide an exemption, to wit:

It shall be lawful for a property owner to discharge or fire a firearm on his/her property within the City limits of Peñitas if the property owner owns two (2) or more acres tract of land. The discharge of a firearm may not take place within 500 feet of a private residence, residential building, hotel, church, school or store or any other building frequently or inhabited by human beings within the city limits.

3. The remaining portions of Ordinance 2003-07 shall remain in full force and effect except to the extent that they conflict with this Ordinance.
4. This exemption shall apply only during the annual Texas Whitewing and Mourning Dove season.

Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph or portion be found illegal, invalid, void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions are hereby severed and shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall become effective on date of passing.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEÑITAS on this the 3rd day of September 2003, at a REGULAR AND DULY CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN in which a quorum was present.

CITY OF PEÑITAS



Mayor Servando Ramirez

ATTEST:



Minerva Garza, City Secretary