

**AGENDA ITEM # 38**

**September 8, 1998**

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Consider adopting order prohibiting the discharge of a firearm or the use of archery equipment in a subdivision with lots of ten (10) acres or less in an unincorporated area of a county.

A couple residing in Precinct #4 discussed neighbors discharging firearms in their area and presented signed petitions favoring such an order.

The State of Texas prohibits discharging of firearms or use of archery equipment in a legally platted subdivision containing lots of 10 acres or less. The state **does not** have provisions for such control in unrecorded subdivisions located in unincorporated areas of the county.

Moved: Commissioner Mehevec

Motion: To approve the resolution restricting discharge of firearms and the use of archery equipment in unplatted subdivisions of ten (10) acres or less.

Motion died for lack of a second.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

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**Petition Rationale**

It is a well known fact that projectiles shot from guns and arrows launched from modern bows and cross bows carry many hundreds of feet beyond the intended targets that are usually associated with the use of these weapons.

It is well known that the population of Williamson county had grown dramatically in the last several years with a large percentage of this increasing population living in the unincorporated areas of Williamson county.

It is well known that many of the large parcels of land in the unincorporated areas of Williamson county have been divided up into small acreage subdivisions to make room for this increasing population.

In these areas of small acreage, it is difficult if not impossible to safely discharge a weapon in any direction that does not include a neighbors home or livestock, or a public or private road. In most cases, these homes and roads are out of the immediate sight of the individual discharging the weapon. It is impossible for the individual to know, with certainty, that his, or her, direction of fire will not endanger neighbors or unknowing passersby.

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Given the above considerations, it is not a matter of 'if' there will be a tragic shooting related accident in Williamson county but 'when'.

The most sensible course of action to prevent these accidents is to limit the number of situations that lead to these accidents.

The only truly effective and enforceable solution to limit the number of situations is to institute a 'land use' restriction. By prohibiting the discharge of weapons on small acreage, the areas with the most potential for accidents will be eliminated.

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## Petition statement

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Name Barbara Cope  
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City Leander Tx  
Zip Code 78641

Name Larry Cope  
Street Address 250 Old 280  
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 City Liberty Hill, Texas  
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Name Bruce A. Beckett  
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*Jim Ricketts*  
*200 Ridgeline*  
*Leander, Texas*  
*78641*

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*Freddie Reed*  
*P.O. Box 192*  
*Liberty Hill*  
*78642*

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*Elizabeth Ricketts*  
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*Leander, Tex*  
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*Anna Culp*  
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Name George H. Henry  
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City Liberty Hill, Texas  
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Name Jane Henry  
Street Address 9220 RR 1869  
City Liberty Hill TX  
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Name William E. Cummings Jr.  
Street Address 160 PORTER LANE  
City LIBERTY HILL  
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Name Evelyn O. H aydon  
 Street Address P. O box 43  
 City Liberty Hill, Tx 78642  
 Zip Code Co. Rd 2822 - 1751

Name Janet Hinde Jr  
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 City Liberty Hill, Texas  
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Name Mildred Hicks  
 Street Address 1781 CR 282  
 City Liberty Hill, Tx  
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Name Kay E. Clarke  
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Name James J. Clarke  
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City LIBERTY HILL, TX  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Round Rock, TX  
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Name Glenn M. Williams  
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City CEAR PARK  
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Name Christina Ellinger  
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Name Angela J. Mathias  
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 City Cedar PK TX  
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Name Thomas M. Mathias  
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Name Robin Mosher  
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City CEDAR PARK  
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Name Joe Siano  
Street Address 617 Blue Oak Circle  
City Cedar Park  
Zip Code 78613

Name Pauline V. Harnett  
Street Address 666 Twin Cedar  
City Leander, Texas  
Zip Code 78641

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Johnnie D Reed  
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Consider approving a resolution establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force.

Judge Doerfler advised this resolution is necessary to comply with grant requirements.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To approve resolution establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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### **EXCESSIVE FORCE RESOLUTION**

A resolution establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstration, and providing penalties for violations hereof: In the following County of Williamson, State of Texas, as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I**

Section 1: The County hereby adopts and will enforce this policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by the law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. The County also prohibits the physical barring of any entrance or exit of such a facility and will enforce all applicable state laws regarding same.

#### **ARTICLE II**

Section 1: Any person found to be violating any provisions of this resolution shall be served by the County with written notice stating the nature of the violation.

Section 2: Any person guilty of this violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the amount not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3: Any person violating any of the provisions of this resolution shall become liable to the County for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the County by reason of such violation.

#### **ARTICLE III**

Passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court, Williamson County, State of Texas, on the 8<sup>TH</sup> day of September 1998.

Judge

Attest:

Dan E. Rister  
County Clerk