

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OF THE PORT ARANSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 18, PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE VIII. PUBLIC PARKS, SEC. 18-241. PORT ARANSAS NATURE PRESERVE, RULE (4).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, COUNTY OF NUECES, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. Amendment. Chapter 18. Article VIII. Sec. 18-241. Rule (4) of Port Aransas Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows, new matter being indicated by underscoring and deleted matter by interlineation.

Sec. 18-241. Port Aransas Nature Preserve.

The following rules and regulations shall be applicable to Port Aransas Nature Preserve:

- (4) Possession of all firearms and weapons is prohibited. Prohibition does not include: A peace officer as defined by V.T.C.A., Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 2.12 or a person who possesses a concealed handgun and a license issued under V.T.C.A., Government Code Ch. 411, Subch. H, to carry a concealed handgun of the same category as a handgun the person is carrying. Shooting into the nature preserve from beyond its boundaries or discharging firearms within the nature preserve is prohibited. ~~except as allowed by state law.~~

Section 2. Effective Date. As provided by Article III, Section 12.C. and by Article XII, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and, in addition, if any penalty, fine or forfeiture is imposed by this ordinance, then this ordinance shall be effective only after publication of this ordinance in its entirety or in summary form once in the official newspaper of the City of Port Aransas.

Section 3. Reading. As provided by Article III, Section 13 and Article III, Section 12.b. of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance or the caption of it shall be read at three city council meetings with at least one week elapsing between each reading.

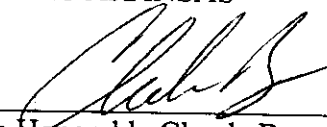
Section 4. Severance. If any part of this ordinance is invalid or void or is declared to be so, then said part shall be severed from the balance of this ordinance and said invalidity shall not affect the balance of this ordinance, the balance of the ordinance to be read as if said invalid or void portion thereof were not included.

Section 5. Publication. As provided by Article III, Section 12.C., this ordinance shall be published one time in the official newspaper of the City of Port Aransas, Nueces County, Texas, which publication shall contain the caption of this ordinance stating in substance the purposes of same.

PASSED, ORDAINED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17TH day of December, 2009.

CITY OF PORT ARANSAS

BY: _____


The Honorable Claude Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Esther Arzola, City Secretary