

**TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 721**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO, REPEALING  
ORDINANCE NO. 579 AND REENACTING SECTION 10-10-20 OF THE *MEAD  
MUNICIPAL CODE* REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS TO  
ALLOW THE HUNTING OF MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS  
WITHIN THE TOWN UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND PROVIDING A  
PENALTY.**

**WHEREAS**, by Ordinance No. 579, enacted August 14, 2006, the Town of Mead amended Section 10-10-20 of the *Mead Municipal Code* to provide for the issuance of annual migratory waterfowl and game bird hunting permits within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the leasing of agricultural lands for the hunting of migratory waterfowl and game birds has been a traditional agricultural practice in the area surrounding Mead; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of farms have been annexed to the Town in recent years, farms that continue in agricultural production while awaiting development; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Trustees to allow the hunting of migratory waterfowl and game birds on property that is under agricultural production within the town boundaries under certain conditions and restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees that the issuance of migratory waterfowl and game bird hunting permits should be at the administrative discretion of the Town Manager;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, Weld County, Colorado, that:

**Section 1.** Section 10-10-20 of the *Mead Municipal Code* as amended by Ordinance No. 579, is hereby repealed in its entirety and reenacted to read as follows:

**“Sec. 10-10-20. Discharging weapons.** It is unlawful to discharge a projectile from a firearm or gas operated or mechanically operated gun, except:

(a) At a target range designated by the Town for the specific type of weapon involved; or

(b) During the act of hunting on lands designated by the Town as being in agricultural production and subject to an annual permit issued by the Town to the property owner. Application for an annual migratory waterfowl and game bird hunting permit shall be made to the Town Clerk, together with the payment of the \$20.00 permit fee. The designation of lands as being in agricultural production and the issuance of the permit shall be approved by the Town Manager on a case-by-case basis. Permits issued shall be for the benefit of the property owner or his invitees and shall be only for the taking of migratory waterfowl and game birds in accordance with all state and federal regulations.”

**Section 2. Penalty.** Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a

fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense, but shall not be subject to imprisonment or a jail sentence. Each day any violation of this section shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided by law.

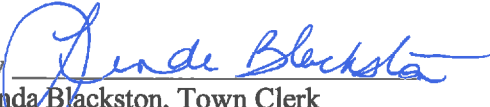
**Section 4. Severability.** If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentence, clauses or phrases are declared invalid.

**Section 5. Repealer.** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.


**Section 6. Certification.** The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than one copy of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2012.**

**ATTEST:**

By   
Linda Blackston, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF MEAD**

By   
Richard W. Macomber, Mayor