ORDINANCE 2002 - 03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 8.18 OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of American Canyon desires to protect the health and safety of the residents of the City, and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the health and safety of its residents the City Council adopts Ordinances regulating certain activities that may be dangerous.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THE FOLLOWING:

<u>SECTION 1:</u> The City of American Canyon Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following Chapter 8.18:

Chapter 8.18

Discharging Firearms and Other Weapons

Sections:

8.18.010 Discharging Firearms or Weapons 8.18.020 Exemption

8.18.010 Discharging Firearms or Weapons. Every person who, except in a regularly licensed shooting gallery or shooting range, discharges any pistol, handgun, firearm, air gun, musket, slingshot, or any other instrument, weapon or device of any kind, character, or description which throws a bullet, shot, projectile, or missile for any distance, by means of elastic force of gases or any explosive substance in a negligent or irresponsible manner is guilty of a misdemeanor.

<u>8.18.020</u> Exemption. The provisions of Section 8.18.010 shall not apply to a duly sworn police officer or deputy sheriff acting in the course of his or her duties.

<u>SECTION 2:</u> The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. If any portion is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the remainder shall survive and remain effective and enforceable.

<u>SECTION 3</u>: A summary of this Ordinance shall be published once in the Vallejo Times Herald, a newspaper of general circulation serving the City of American Canyon,

within fifteen (15) days after its passage and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption.

SECTION 4: The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of American Canyon, State of California, held on the 4th day of April 2002, and approved and adopted at a regular meeting on the 18th day of April 2002, by the following vote:

AYES:

Colcleaser, Canziani, Anderson, Luporini

NOES:

Shaver

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT: None

Donald Colcleaser, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ATTEST

Mark Joseph, Deputy City Clerk

William D. Ross, City Attorney