

ORDINANCE NO. 96-04

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY LAW, RULE, REGULATION, AND OR ORDINANCE INFRINGING ON, REGULATING OR OTHERWISE AFFECTING THE RIGHT OF THE CITIZENS TO BEAR ARMS OF THEIR CHOICE.

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America provides:

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico provides:

"No law shall abridge the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms for security and defense, for lawful hunting and recreational use and for other lawful purposes, but nothing herein shall be held to permit the carrying of concealed weapons. No municipality or county shall regulate, in any way, an incident of the right to keep and bear arms." ; and

WHEREAS, There are forces in our country that are striving to prohibit, regulate and otherwise affect the right to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, We as County Commissioners, have a responsibility to provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Otero County;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY ADOPTS THIS ORDINANCE In order to provide for the emergency management of the County of Otero and further, in order to provide for and protect the health, safety, security and general welfare of Otero County and its inhabitants. It is therefore ordained by the Board of County Commissioners that no Law, rule, regulation, and or ordinance infringing on, regulating or otherwise affecting the right of the citizens to bear arms of their choice shall be enacted, imposed or ordained in Otero County.

DONE at Alamogordo, New Mexico this the 19th day of ^{February} ~~January~~, 1996

ATTEST:

Mary Quintana
Mary Quintana, Clerk

OTERO COUNTY COMMISSION
Richard Zierlein
Richard Zierlein, Chairman

Timothy McGinn
Timothy McGinn, Member

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