

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 4, SUBSECTION (g) OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, RELATING
TO THE POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN CITY PARKS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Article 2, Section 4, Subsection (g) of the Code of Ordinances of Sandy Springs currently provides that it is unlawful for any person to possess any firearm, air gun or any explosive substance in any of the City parks; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia has found that state law preempts the City's ability to regulate the possession of firearms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that Chapter 8, Article 2, Section 4, Subsection (g) of the Code of Ordinances of Sandy Springs, Georgia, shall be amended by deleting said subsection in its entirety and inserting, in lieu thereof, a new subsection which shall provide as follows:

(g) *Firearms.*

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any explosive substance (including fireworks) in any of the City parks, unless written permission for such has been authorized by the Mayor and City Council.

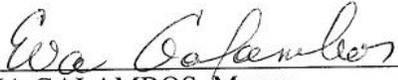
(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within City parks unless expressly authorized by the Mayor and City Council. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127, it is unlawful to carry a firearm to a public gathering, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127, within the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of Sandy Springs, Georgia.

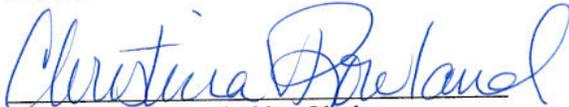
SO ORDAINED, this 5th day of February, 2008.

Approved:



EVA GALAMBOS, Mayor

Attest:



Christina Rowland, City Clerk
(SEAL)

