

**AMENDED ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI PROVIDING FOR
A PROHIBITION OF DEADLY WEAPONS IN AND AROUND
CITY OWNED OR CITY OCCUPIED FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi has the authority and duty to manage public property in the public interest;

WHEREAS, this authority includes the denial of entry to the property or the emplacement of conditions upon entry onto publicly owned property to ensure orderly operations, services and the safety of the employees and visitors to the public property;

WHEREAS, the City is in charge of and responsible for the security of this property and those who utilize it;

WHEREAS, the City's buildings and facilities consist of the premises commonly known as City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, the Public Works Department located at 98190 Kapalama Drive, and the Security Station located at the entrance to Diamondhead;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council hereby find that the public property within the City of Diamondhead is found to be sensitive places because of the possibility of emotionally charged confrontations and activities concerning emotional issues and the opportunity for opposing or antagonistic parties to be in close proximity to each other and because often the activities taking place within the public areas and properties are sometimes unpopular;

WHEREAS, the City Hall building also serves as the Municipal Courthouse and Police Station for the City and such uses also create sensitive places whereby the possibility of emotionally charged confrontations are high;

WHEREAS, the City is also responsible for properly managing its open spaces, athletic fields, parks and other recreational areas, which are frequented by children;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City to ensure that its public buildings and facilities, including open spaces, are managed in an orderly and safe fashion to maximize their functionality and use by employees, vendors, visitors and the general public;

WHEREAS, the City has previously issued Ordinance 2013-37 providing for the prohibition of deadly weapons; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend Ordinance 2013-37.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, Ordinance 2013-37 is amended as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE I

The open carrying of any firearm or deadly weapon by any person, except any duly authorized law enforcement officer, is strictly prohibited at: (i) public parks; (ii) public meetings of any governmental body, including but not limited to, council meetings, municipal court proceedings and planning and zoning meetings; (iii) political rallies; (iv) parades; or (v) nonfirearm-related school, college, or professional athletic events.

ARTICLE II

The concealed carry of any firearms is prohibited all City of Diamondhead buildings and facilities. Article II shall not apply to any duly authorized law enforcement officer or any person lawfully carrying a concealed weapon excluded by Miss. Code Ann. 97-37-7(2).

ARTICLE III

It is the responsibility of the City Manager to ensure that written notice is clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten feet (10') and shall be posted at each City location, as set forth by Miss. Code Ann. 45-9-53 and 45-9-101(13), at all entrances of each location in which the carrying of a concealed firearm or other deadly weapon is prohibited.

ARTICLE IV

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.

ARTICLE V

This Ordinance having been previously adopted shall be amended and in force and effective immediately.

AMENDED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi at its regular meeting held on the 18 day of March, 2014.

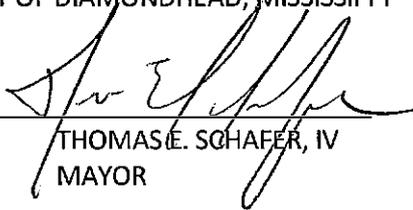
MOTION made to adopt the foregoing Ordinance was made by Council Member Rosentaine and SECONDED by Council Member Roper and the foregoing having first been reduced to writing, was submitted to a Roll Call Vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember LaFontaine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Sislow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Rech	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Knobloch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Schafer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance carried and the Ordinance amended.

The foregoing Ordinance is approved this the 18th day of March, 2014.

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI

BY: 
THOMAS E. SCHAFER, IV
MAYOR

ATTEST:


KRISTEN VENTURA
CITY CLERK

