AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent amending Section 1 of Ordinance 1006 and permitting shooting within the City under certain conditions.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance 1006, codified as Kent City Ordinance 5.11.04 which reads as follows:

"Except as hereafter provided, it is unlawful for any person, except an officer of the law, in line of duty, to discharge any firearm, airgun, slingshot or any instrument of similar character within the City limits of the City of Kent."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Except as hereafter provided, it is unlawful for any person, except an officer of the law, in line of duty, to discharge any firearm, airgun, slingshot or any instrument of similar character, within the City limits of the City of Kent; provided, that this Section shall not apply in the case of any group or club hereafter called "gun club", which is organized for the purpose of providing for its members an opportunity to engage in skeet or trap shooting, and which complies with the following conditions:"

1. The shooting may be done only on land owned or leased by the gun club, provided, however, that if the gun club is composed of members of an employee organization, written permission of the employer for use of its land shall suffice.
2. The range where shooting is to occur must be situated so there can be no danger to the general public from misdirected or accidentally discharged weapons.

3. Each gun club must keep posted with the Police Department of the City of Kent a schedule approved by the Chief of Police or his designated representative of the hours and days during which shooting will take place. Shooting will not be permitted at other than the posted times without prior written permission of the Chief of Police or his designated representative.

4. Shooting shall be restricted to gun club members and their guests only. Each gun club shall issue some form of identification to each member and guest which must be carried by the member and guest at all times when engaged in shooting at his or another club's location. The identification card shall be produced for inspection upon demand of any officer of the Kent Police Department upon the premises of any gun club during the hours that shooting is taking place.

5. Shooting shall be restricted to those districts zoned M-A, R-A, M-1 and M-2 or their equivalents in the event the present zoning classifications are modified upon adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance for the City of Kent. There shall be no shooting within 300 feet of any occupied dwelling or within 400 feet of any school playground.

6. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Section shall result in revocation of a gun club's rights and privileges granted herein. Each gun club shall be responsible for policing its own membership to insure compliance with this Section.

7. The Chief of Police of the City of Kent is hereby granted the power to enforce the provisions of this Section. All decisions of the Chief of Police, including but not limited to whether reasonable shooting hours are being observed, or whether public
safety is being adequately protected shall be final. Provided, however, any decision of the Chief of Police requiring a gun club to discontinue operations because of alleged violations of any of the provisions of this Section may be appealed to the City Council by filing written notice of appeal with the City Clerk. The City Council shall set a date for hearing which shall be not more than 30 days following receipt of the appeal by the City Clerk. Between the time of the decision of the Chief of Police appealed from and final disposition of the appeal, the gun club shall not engage in any shooting activities. All decisions of the City Council shall be final and no appeal may be taken therefrom.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

Attest:

[Signature]
ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

MARIE JENSEN, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
DONALD E. MIRK, City Attorney

PASSED the 17th day of April, 1972.
APPROVED the 18th day of April, 1972.
PUBLISHED the 18th day of April, 1972.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1768, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

[Signature] (SEAL)
MARIE JENSEN, City Clerk