RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 146

A RESOLUTION REVOKING ANY LAW, RULE, REGULATION, RESOLUTION, PRACTICE, POLICY OR OTHER ACTION ENACTED OR ENFORCED BY SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP IN CONFLICT WITH R.C.§9.68

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has enacted HB 228 effective December 28, 2019, which amends R.C. §9.68 to require uniformity across the State regarding the regulation of firearms;

WHEREAS, this State legislation preempts the Township from enacting or enforcing laws, as well as any rule, regulation, resolution, practice, policy, procedure or other action which would impact the possession, purchase, acquisition, transportation, storage, carrying, sale, transfer, manufacturing or keeping of any firearm, part of a firearm, its components and its ammunition;

WHEREAS, Sycamore Township is an Ohio Township which has adopted a limited Home Rule government under Chapter 504 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, limited Home Rule Townships are not authorized under the Ohio Revised Code to enact laws, regulations, and the like regarding firearms. Nonetheless, in an overabundance of caution, to the extent the Township has any laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, practices, policies, or procedures, for example in its Employee Handbook, that are in conflict with R.C. §9.68, the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township wants to ensure they are repealed to comply with the State mandate and to avoid the potential for civil liability

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1.

To the extent Sycamore Township has any laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, practices, policies, procedures or other action currently in place, as a result of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township or the Township Administration, which in any way regulate the licensing, possession, purchase, acquisition, transport, storage, carrying, sale, transfer, manufacture or keeping of any firearm, part of a firearm, its components and its ammunition, which are in conflict with the statutes and regulations enacted by the State of Ohio, they are hereby repealed. Furthermore, any remaining Township laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, practices, policies or procedures shall be enforced in compliance with State law as it now exists or may hereafter be amended regarding the regulation of firearms, its components or ammunition.

SECTION 2.

The Trustees of Sycamore Township upon at least a majority vote do hereby dispense with any requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorize the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 3.

This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

VOTE RECORD:

Mr. Connor Aya Mr. LaBarbara Aya Mr. Weidman Aya

Passed at a meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township this 17th

day of December, 2019.

Thomas J Weidman, Chairman

Dennis W. Connor, Vice-Chairman

Jim LaBarbara, Trustee

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was duly passed and filed with the Township Fiscal Officer of Sycamore Township this 17th day of December, 2019.

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Office

Sycamore Township, Ohio

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. Douglas Miller, Law Director