

AUTHORIZING interactive archery demonstration ranges, hunting bow and crossbow displays, and the display of a firearm as the grand prizes of a raffle during the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo at the Duke Energy Convention Center from January 19 through 21, 2024, notwithstanding the prohibitions in Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 708-41 and 708-27 against possession and use of a deadly or dangerous weapon within any City building and against discharge of any dangerous weapon in the City.

WHEREAS, the Duke Energy Convention Center will host the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo, managed by Renfro Productions & Management, Inc. (“Renfro”) and scheduled to occur from January 19 through 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Renfro has received a request from the Indiana Bow Hunters Association to operate an interactive youth archery demonstration range in which a youth would be paired with an adult instructor from the Indiana Bow Hunters Association to provide archery demonstrations, which demonstrations would constitute the possession, use, and discharge of weapons in the City and would normally be prohibited under Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 708; and

WHEREAS, the proposed interactive youth archery demonstration will include public participation under the supervision of instructors from the Indiana Bow Hunters Association, as well as observation by members of the public from a designated safe distance; and

WHEREAS, Renfro anticipates receiving requests from bow manufacturers and archery retailers to operate an interactive archery demonstration range, where an adult would be permitted to discharge a bow under the supervision of a bow manufacturer representative or an archery retailer representative, which displays and demonstrations would constitute the possession, use, and discharge of weapons in the City and would normally be prohibited under Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 708; and

WHEREAS, the proposed interactive adult archery demonstration range will include public participation under the supervision of bow manufacturer representatives or archery retailer representatives, as well as observation by members of the public from a designated safe distance; and

WHEREAS, Renfro anticipates receiving requests from bow manufacturers and archery retailers to display and sell hunting bows and crossbows during the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo, which displays would constitute the possession of deadly or dangerous weapons in a City building and would normally be prohibited under Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 708; and

WHEREAS, Renfro has received a request from Ducks Unlimited to possess and display a hunting rifle that will be used as the grand prize for a raffle during the course of the show, which display would constitute possessing a dangerous weapon in a City building and would normally be prohibited under Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 708; and

WHEREAS, the hunting rifle that will be used as the grand prize for the Ducks Unlimited raffle would be on secured display and locked during the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Duke Energy Convention Center management may allow interactive archery demonstration ranges, which will include use of bows and arrows discharged by members of the public who will remain under the supervision of instructors from the Indiana Bow Hunters Association, bow manufacturer representatives, or archery retailer representatives at all times, and displays of hunting bows and crossbows during the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo at the Duke Energy Convention Center from January 19 through 21, 2024, notwithstanding the prohibitions in Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 708-41 and 708-27 against possession and use of a deadly or dangerous weapon within any City building and against discharge of any dangerous weapon in the City, and any other municipal law or regulation that might otherwise inhibit the activities specifically permitted herein.

Section 2. That the operation of interactive archery demonstration ranges and the retail display of hunting bows and crossbows shall be limited to the following dates and times during the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo: from January 19 through January 21, 2024, during the normal operating hours of the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo, at all times during which the public is permitted into the Duke Energy Convention Center for the described event.

Section 3. That the hunting rifle to be displayed and given as a raffle prize shall be given to a recipient at a later date rather than during the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo, and shall be presented to the recipient at a location other than the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Section 4. That the producers, exhibitors, and attendees of the 2024 Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo shall comply with all other normally applicable laws and regulations.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk