

ORDINANCE NO: 81.7-9-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, TEXAS; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO: 81.7, AS AMENDED; ALLOWING FOR WATERFOWL HUNTING AT THE CITY LAKES ON ANY DURING STATE AUTHORIZED HUNTING SEASONS FOR INDIVIDUAL WATERFOWL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 81.7, as amended, allows for waterfowl hunting with a valid Special Use Permit one half hour before sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon) on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during authorized seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newcastle (“City Council”) finds, determines, and declares that waterfowl hunting should be allowed at Newcastle Lake #1 and Newcastle Lake #2 with a permit obtained through the City of Newcastle City Hall on any day during an authorized hunting season for individual waterfowl.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part I: Enacted

Section 10, 3)b. of Ordinance No: 81-7, shall be amended to read as follows:

- b. Discharge of shotguns limited to one half hour before sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon) on any day during the authorized hunting seasons.

Part II: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in force when the provisions of this Ordinance become effective which are inconsistent or are in conflict with the terms and provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of any such conflict.

Part III: Severability

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be enforced as written.

Part IV: Compliance with Texas Open Meetings Act

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Part V: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Dickey Baynes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Winder, City Secretary