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WHEREAS, the discharge, accidental and otherwise, of firearms by minors has increased in recent years, causing countless injuries and fatalities among children and others; and

WHEREAS, Illinois state law regulates the use and possession of weapons, pursuant to 420 ILCS 65/1 *et seq.* and 720 ILCS 5/24 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have the authority to adopt regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their residents, including minor residents, pursuant to various state statutes, including, without limitation 65 ILCS 5/11-1-1 and 65 ILCS 5/11-20-5; and

WHEREAS, municipalities also have the authority to adopt regulations to prevent, reduce, and control juvenile delinquency, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-8; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Grayslake have found and determined that amendments to the Grayslake Village Code are necessary to protect the residents of the Village from injuries and death by requiring that firearm owners take certain security measures with respect to firearm storage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GRAYSLAKE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Amendment to Chapter 42. Chapter 42 "Unified Misdemeanor Ordinance," of the Grayslake Village Code shall be and is hereby amended to add a new Section 21 to said Chapter, which new Section 21 shall hereafter be and read as follows:

42.21 FIREARM SECURITY.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to store or leave, within premises under his or her control, a firearm if the person knows or has reason to believe that a minor who does not have a Firearm Owners Identification Card is likely to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor's parent, guardian, or person having charge of the minor, unless the firearm is:
- (i) secured by a device or mechanism, other than the firearm safety, designed to render a firearm temporarily inoperable; or
 - (ii) placed in a securely locked box or container; or

- (iii) placed in some other location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure from a minor
- (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the minor:
 - (i) gains access to a firearm and uses it in a lawful act of self-defense or defense of another; or
 - (ii) obtains the firearm by unlawful entry of the premises by the minor or another person.
- (c) For the purposes of this Section 42-21, "firearm" shall have the same meaning as that contained in the Illinois Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, 430 ILCS 65/0.01 *et seq.* "Trigger lock" shall be defined as any operable device, other than the firearm's safety, that must be unlocked or disengaged in order to fire a firearm.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be designated Ordinance No. 2000-0-15 and shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its passage and approval in accordance with law.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed this 15 day of August 2000, by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Perry, Dorso, Braummer, Douglass, Lertz
 Nays: _____
 Absent and Not Voting: Mac Aulay

Approved: [Signature]
 Village President

Attest:

[Signature]
 Village Clerk

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