

CHEROKEE COUNTY

“SPOTLIGHTING ORDINANCE OF 2015”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY:

Section 1. Short Title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as “Spotlighting Ordinance of 2015”.

Section 2. Authorization

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §153A-121, the county may by ordinance define, regulate, prohibit, or abate acts, omissions, or conditions detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the county; and may define and abate nuisances.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §143-254.2, it shall be the duty and responsibility of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to enforce all local acts heretofore or hereinafter enacted respecting game animals, fur-bearing animals and birds, including local acts which prohibit or restrict hunting from, to or across public roads and highways and including local acts which prohibit or restrict the taking of specified animals or birds.

Section 3. Spotighting of wild animals prohibited.

No person shall intentionally shine a light on or in search of any wild animal, including, but not limited to, deer, coyotes, or feral swine, from the right-of-way of any public road, street, highway or public vehicular area whether from a motor vehicle, or by any other means, between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Department and by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission after the effective date of this Ordinance.

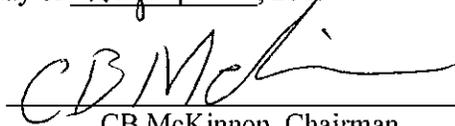
Section 4. Penalties.

Violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided by North Carolina General Statute §14-4.

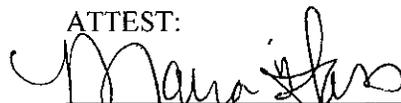
Section 5. Effective Date.

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be upon passage.

This ordinance is enacted, this the 1st day of August, 2015



CB McKinnon, Chairman
Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


Maria Hass, Clerk
Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners