## RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 8-6021 OF THE VALDESE TOWN CODE (WEAPONS - DANGEROUS MISSILES)

WHEREAS, Section 8-6021 of the Valdese Town Code provides that no person shall shoot or project any stone, rock, shot or other hard substance by means of a bow or similar contrivance; and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in the white-tailed deer population in the Town of Valdese and, as a result, there has been a substantial increase in motor vehicle accidents caused by deer; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to control the deer population in the town, the Town Council has determined that deer hunting by bow and arrow should be allowed under the conditions set forth in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT SECTION 8-6021 OF THE VALDESE TOWN CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 8-6021 Weapons - dangerous missiles

No person shall shoot or project any stone, rock, shot or other hard substance by means of a slingshot, bean shooter, shot shooter, air rifle, popgun, bow or other similar contrivance; however, deer hunting by bow and arrow shall be allowed on a person's property or on the property of another upon the following conditions:

- (1) There is a bow and arrow deer hunting season in effect in the town at the time the person is hunting;
- (2) The person hunting must possess a valid hunting license;
- (3) While hunting on the land of another, the hunter must have in his or her possession current written permission from the property owner for the hunter to hunt deer by bow and arrow on the owner's property;
- (4) The person hunting shall exercise reasonable care for the safety and property of the others;
- (5) The person hunting shall hunt in compliance with all applicable laws, town ordinances and regulations issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and
- (6) The person hunting shall not shoot an arrow within 300 feet of a dwelling house, school, church or any other occupied building, a street or road, park or recreation area, or any other type of public gathering place.
- (7) The person hunting shall not shoot an arrow within 300 feet of a property line of the property on which the person is hunting.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 8, 2008.

**TOWN OF VALDESE** 

By: /s/ James L. Hatley, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Town Clerk

(corporate seal)