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City Council

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VISION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 19, 2025
5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** City Council Chambers, City Hall
- 2. ROLL CALL:** COUNCIL MEMBERS DENNEHY,
MELONI, SCHMISSEUR, STEIN, TRACY,
WORTHINGTON, MAYOR PRO TEM HAMRICK,
MAYOR TROUTMAN.
- 3. DISCUSSION:**
 - A. Firearms Ordinance Change**
- 4. ADJOURN** The next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2025.

Posted pursuant to code on Friday, February 14, 2025.
Cindy Foster Owens, City Clerk



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City Administrator

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ryan Stevens, City Administrator

PREPARED BY: Tim R. Bell

DATE: 02/19/2025

RE: Discussion surrounding firearms ordinance change

SUMMARY:* The attachment to this memo is an outline of options available to Council for review of the Firearms ordinance for discussion of changes.

**REVIEWED BY
LEGAL?** ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review options for firearm ordinance discussion

of attachments 1

General overview of changes to firearm regulations in City Code. There may be addition revisions needed based upon direction received at Vision Committee.

1. Remove Sec. 9.44.090. - Firearms prohibited—Exceptions.

No person, except a peace officer, shall carry any firearm into, or upon, or across any public park, playground or other property held, owned or controlled by the City; provided, that any person holding a permit from the City to kill or trap predatory animals may carry firearms for such purpose.

2. Remove Sec. Sec. 9.46.020. - Rules and regulations, subsection A(2)

The trail rules and regulations that shall apply to all public trails within the City are as follows:

2. Hunting, trapping and firearms are prohibited;

3. Revise Sec. 9.44.060. - Unlawful activities designated, subsection (A)(5)

- A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this section, it is unlawful within any City park for any person to:

5. Carry or discharge any firearms unless specifically authorized by law to do so;

4. Revise Sec. 9.52.010. - Carrying concealed weapons prohibited—Exceptions.

- A. A person commits a misdemeanor if such person knowingly and unlawfully:

1. Carries a knife concealed on or about his or her person; or
2. Carries a firearm concealed on or about his or her person; or
3. Carries concealed upon his or her person any other deadly weapon, as described in C.R.S. § 18-1-901(3)(c).

- B. It shall not be an offense if the defendant was:

1. A person in his or her own dwelling or place of business or on property owned or under his or her control at the time of the act of carrying; or
2. A person in a private automobile or other private means of conveyance who carries a weapon for lawful protection of such person's or another's person or property while traveling; or
3. A person who, at the time of carrying a concealed weapon, held a valid written permit to carry a concealed weapon issued pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-12-105.1, as it existed prior to its repeal, or, if the weapon involved was a handgun, held a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun or a temporary emergency permit issued pursuant to part 2 of Article 12 of Title 18, C.R.S.; except that it shall be an offense under this section if the person was carrying a concealed handgun in violation of the provisions of C.R.S. § 18-12-214; or

4. A peace officer, as described in C.R.S. § 16-2.5-101, when carrying a weapon in conformance with the policy of the employing agency as provided in C.R.S. § 16-2.5-101(2); or
5. A United States probation officer or a United States pretrial services officer while on duty and serving in the State of Colorado under the authority of rules and regulations promulgated by the judicial conference of the United States.
6. The provisions of Subsection 3 of Subsection B of this Section 9.52.010 will operate to allow persons holding valid concealed handgun permits and otherwise acting in compliance with applicable state law to carry their concealed handguns into and within the City's parks and on trails within the City for so long as such activities are permitted by applicable state law, but shall not operate to permit the open carrying of firearms into or within specific places and areas within the City, including, but not necessarily limited to, parks and trails, where City ordinances or other regulations of the City prohibit firearms and signage advising the public of such prohibition has been posted in and around such places and areas, as specifically permitted by C.R.S. § 29-11.7-104 and generally authorized by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution.

Section 6 will need to be revised to address any references to parks and trails. Depending on Council's direction other provisions in the Section may need to be revised as well.

The direction we need from Council is in regard to the possible opt out under SB131. As a reminder, SB131 prohibits the carrying of both open and concealed firearms in the governmental buildings where:

1. the chambers or galleries of the governing body are located,
2. a meeting of the governing body is being conducted;
3. the official office of any elected member of the governing body or of the chief executive officer is located, or
4. a courthouse or any other building or portion of a building used for court proceedings is located.

The City has the option of opting out of any or all of the above locations and can opt out of either open or concealed firearms or both in any of the above locations. Further, the City can decide not to opt out. If it does not opt out, the open and concealed carrying of firearms will be prohibited in the above locations.

By way of example only, some local governments opted out of the prohibition on concealed carrying in the above locations but kept the open carrying prohibition in those locations.

Any opt out will not change the exceptions under SB131:

1. When authorized by statute, peace officers and security personnel may carry firearms in covered buildings.
2. When performing their official duties, members of the U.S. Armed Forces or Colorado National Guard, law enforcement personnel, defense counsel personnel, and court personnel are permitted to carry firearms in covered buildings
3. Individuals who possess a valid concealed handgun permit or temporary emergency permit may carry firearms only in adjacent parking lots of covered buildings.