



CITY OF CAÑON CITY

City Council

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** City Council Chambers
2. **ROLL CALL:** COUNCIL MEMBERS DENNEHY,
MELONI, SCHMISSEUR, STEIN, TRACY,
WORTHINGTON, MAYOR PRO TEM HAMRICK,
MAYOR TROUTMAN.
3. **DISCUSSION:**
 - A. Firearms Ordinance Discussion
4. **ADJOURN:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 6,
2025.

Posted pursuant to code on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.
Cindy Foster Owens, City Clerk



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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Ryan Stevens, City Administrator
PREPARED BY: Tim R. Bell
DATE: 07/09/2025
RE: Firearms ordinance discussion

SUMMARY: * The Firearms ordinance proposed to City Council needs to be discussed in order to determine language to be included and/or changed.

REVIEWED BY ☒ Yes ☐ No
LEGAL?

RECOMMENDED Discuss the direction the City wants to go in regard to the
ACTION: Firearms ordinance

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**A BILL FOR
ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAÑON CITY AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE CAÑON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING FIREARMS TO COMPLY WITH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE, *NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC. V. BRUEN*, AND TO PARTIALLY OPT OUT OF SB24-131

WHEREAS, in 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc., v. Bruen* and determined that firearms regulations related to public places were constitutional provided those regulations were limited to historically sensitive spaces;

WHEREAS, in response to *Bruen*, the Colorado General Assembly passed SB24-131 which established firearm restrictions in certain government buildings and buildings where certain government activities occur and also providing local governments the ability to opt out of these restrictions;

WHEREAS, the Cañon City Municipal Code has not been updated to comply with *Bruen*, contains certain restrictions that are currently unconstitutional under *Bruen* and City Council desires to amend the Code to ensure its provisions are constitutional; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to opt out of certain firearms restrictions under SB24-131.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF CAÑON CITY:

Section 1. Section 9.44.060(A)(5) of the Cañon City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

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

5. Discharge any firearms unless specifically authorized by law to do so;

Section 2. Section 9.44.090 of the Cañon City Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Section 9.44.095 of the Cañon City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

The provisions of Chapter 9.44, with respect to the sale, possession or use of fireworks, explosives and other incendiary devices, and use of firearms shall apply and be strictly enforced in all parks owned or controlled by the City, whether within or outside of the corporate limits of the City.

Section 4. Section 9.46.020(2) of the Cañon City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

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

2. Hunting and trapping are prohibited;

Section 5. Chapter 9.52 of the Cañon City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 9.52 – Firearms

Sec. 9.52.010. - Carrying firearms in certain buildings

A. A person may carry and possess a firearm upon the following property or buildings:

1. Any chambers or galleries where the City Council is located.
2. Any building owned by the City in which an official meeting of the City Council is currently taking place.
3. Any building in which the official office of any elected member of the City Council or City Administrator County is located.

B. A person commits a misdemeanor if a person knowingly and unlawfully carries and is in possession of a firearm in any courthouse or any other building or portion of a building used for court proceedings.

C. It shall not be a violation of subsection (B) above if the person, while performing official duties, is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or Colorado National Guard, law enforcement personnel, defense counsel personnel, and court personnel.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision of this Ordinance for any reason is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.

Section 7. Effective Date. Pursuant to Article XII, Section 3 and Section 5 of the Charter, this Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after final publication if it is published after adoption or if not so published, five (5) days after its adoption.