

Ordinance No. 597

An ordinance adding a new subparagraph (F) to § 6-5B-11 of the Akron Municipal Code to opt out of certain firearms prohibitions contained in Colorado General Assembly Bill 24-131.

WHEREAS, On May 7, 2024, the Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 24-131, which prohibits the carrying of firearms in certain “sensitive places”, which Senate Bill 24-131 was signed by the Governor and became effective July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Senate Bill 24-131 creates C.R.S. §18-12-105.3, which provides in pertinent part that a person shall not knowingly carry a firearm, whether loaded or not loaded, in any of the following locations, including their adjacent parking areas: On the property of or within any building in which the chambers or galleries of a local government’s governing body are located, a meeting of the local government’s governing body is being conducted; or the official office of any elected member of a local government’s governing body or of the chief executive officer of a local government is located, unless permitted by a local government; and

WHEREAS, even though Senate Bill 24-131 prohibits possession of firearms in the above places on a statewide basis, it does provide that individual local governments may exercise their own discretion in deciding whether to allow possession of firearms by enacting their own rules that permit possession of firearms in these locations. C.R.S. 13-120-105.3(4)(b); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Akron that a new subparagraph (F) is added to § 6-5B-11 of the Akron Municipal Code as follows:

F. Lawful Carrying of Firearms in Certain Town Buildings: It shall not be a violation of this section or of C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(1)(b) to carry a firearm within any building in which the board of trustees of the town’s chambers are located, in any building in which a meeting of the board of trustees of the town is being conducted, in any building in which the official office of any trustee of the town is located, or in any building in which the office of the town administrator is located.

Mayor Brandon Hill

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ATTEST: _____
DENCIA RAISH, CMC
Town Clerk/Administrator

First Reading: September 3, 2024

Second Reading: October 7, 2024

Adopted the 11th day of October 2024