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At a business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia, held in the County Government Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 1 Harrison St., S.E., Leesburg, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

IN RE: Amendments to Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County – Weapons and Explosives (Countywide)

Supervisor Briskman moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the amendments to Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances - Weapons and Explosives, as provided in Attachment 1 of the March 2, 2021, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item.

Supervisor Briskman further moved that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to implement security screening stations at the Government Center, Shenandoah Building and the Sterling Service Center at Ridgetop Circle and authorize staff to utilize existing FY 2021 General Fund appropriation authority for this purpose.

Seconded by Supervisor Turner.

Supervisor Buffington moved to table the motion indefinitely.

Seconded by Supervisor Kershner.

Voting on the FAILED Motion: Supervisors Buffington, Kershner, and Letourneau – Yes; Supervisors Briskman, Glass, Randall, Saines, Turner, and Umstattd – No.

Voting on the FAILED Main Motion: Supervisors Briskman, Glass, Saines, and Turner – Yes; Supervisors Buffington, Kershner, Letourneau, Randall, and Umstattd - No.

Chair Randall moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the amendments to Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances – Weapons and Explosives, as provided in Attachment 2 of the March 2, 2021, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item, with the following change: delete the words, “or components or combination thereof” from (a), which will now read, (a) “The possession, carrying, or transportation of any firearms or ammunition is prohibited in:...”

Chair Randall further moved that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to implement security screening stations at the Government Center, Shenandoah Building and the Sterling Service Center at Ridgetop Circle and authorize staff to utilize existing FY 2021 General Fund appropriate authority for this purpose.

Seconded by Vice Chair Saines.

Supervisor Kershner moved an Amendment to the motion to add the following sentence after the end of paragraph (a) (4) of the revised draft of the proposed Chapter 684.04: “Notwithstanding the

prohibitions set forth above, the restrictions of subsections (1), (3), and (4) shall only apply in those buildings, facilities, or parts thereof where security screening has been implemented through x-ray, magnetometer, or similar device, monitored by a law enforcement officer or contracted security professional.”

Seconded by Supervisor Buffington.

Voting on the FAILED Amended Motion: Supervisors Buffington, Kershner, and Letourneau – Yes; Supervisors Briskman, Glass, Saines, Randall, Turner, and Umstatted- No.

Voting on the Main Motion: Supervisors Briskman, Glass, Randall, Saines, Turner, and Umstatted – Yes; Supervisors Buffington, Kershner, and Letourneau - No.

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DEPUTY CLERK TO THE LOUDOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

684.04 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

(a) The possession, carrying, or transportation of any firearms or ammunition is prohibited in:

(1) Any building, or part thereof, owned or used by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County, for governmental purposes;

(2) Any public park owned or operated by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County;

(3) Any recreation or community center operated by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County; and

(4) Those parts of any building, not owned by the County or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the locality, being used for a governmental purpose; this ordinance shall apply only to that part of such building actually being used for a governmental purpose.

(b) Pursuant to this section, the County may implement security measures that are designed to reasonably prevent the unauthorized access of such buildings, parks, recreation or community centers by a person with any firearms or ammunition, such as the use of metal detectors and increased use of security personnel.

(c) Notice of the prohibitions contained in this section shall be posted: (i) at all entrances of any building, or part thereof, owned or used by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County, for governmental purposes; (ii) at all entrances of any public park owned or operated by the locality, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County; and (iii) at all entrances of any recreation or community center facilities operated by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County.

(d) The prohibitions listed in this section shall not apply to:

(1) Sworn law enforcement personnel;

(2) Private security personnel employed or contracted by the County, or an authority or other governmental entity created or controlled by the County, when such personnel are working in or at any location listed in subparagraph (a) above, and who are authorized to carry firearms as part of their duties;

(3) Security personnel at permitted special events engaged by private entities conducting the special event and approved by the County through the special event permit application process;

(4) Active duty military personnel acting within the scope of their official duties;

(5) Activities of (i) a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program operated at a public or private institution of higher education in accordance with the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 2101 et seq. or (ii) any intercollegiate athletics program operated by a public or private institution of higher education and governed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association or any club sports

team recognized by a public or private institution of higher education where the sport engaged in by such program or team involves the use of a firearm. Such activities shall follow strict guidelines developed by such institutions for these activities and shall be conducted under the supervision of staff officials of such institutions;

(6) Educational programs and events, including historical reenactments, which are conducted or permitted by the County or any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County, when such educational programs or events involve the use or display of firearms that are incapable of discharging a projectile;

(7) Individuals participating in managed deer hunts and other wildlife management events conducted by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County, the Commonwealth of Virginia or the United States government;

(8) Individuals who are authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 926B and 926C, as amended; or

(9) An otherwise lawfully possessed firearm or ammunition that is stored out of sight in a locked private vehicle lawfully parked on County property.

(e) In public parks owned or operated by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County, individuals who possess a valid concealed handgun permit may conceal carry firearms pursuant to such permit, but in no case may they carry a semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material with a magazine that will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or is designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock, or a shotgun with a magazine that will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered.

684.001 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

- (a) "Sheriff" means the Sheriff of the County or his or her designee.
- (b) "Firearm" means any weapon which will, is designed to or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, provided that stud nailing guns, rivet guns and similar construction equipment, neither designed or intended as weapons, shall not be deemed firearms.
- (c) "Gun" means and includes any rifle, shotgun, pistol or other firearm, and also includes any air gun, air rifle, pneumatic gun or other similar device designed and intended to expel a projectile through a gun barrel of any length by means of explosive, expansion or release of compressed gas or compressed air.
- (d) "Parcel" means any lot or other contiguous area of land in one ownership or in which all of the owners have joined in a written acknowledgment of the rights of all of them to shoot on all of such land, which constitutes, when combined, an area of not less than twenty acres.
- (e) "Pistol" means a gun having a barrel of less than sixteen inches in length.
- (f) "Recreational shooting" means the discharge of firearms or weapons, except bows and arrows, at fixed or moveable artificial targets.
- (g) "Rifle" means a gun designed, made and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed and made to use the energy of an explosive or compressed gas or compressed air to expel a single projectile through a rifled barrel for each pull of the trigger.
- (h) "Shotgun" means a weapon designed, made and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed and made to use the energy of an explosive in a shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore one or a number of balls shot for each pull of the trigger.
- (i) "Starting pistol" means any device which is designed or functions to simulate the firing of a weapon by means of a primer or other explosive charge, but which cannot be readily converted for use as a firearm.
- (j) "Ammunition" means a cartridge, pellet, ball, missile or projectile adapted for use in a firearm.**