

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.53.030 OF THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE TO ADD AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION
ON FIREARM POSSESSION ON COUNTY PROPERTY, PERMITTING A
PERSON TO POSSESS A FIREARM FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMEDIATELY
TURNING IN THAT FIREARM TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF OR
ANY PERSON OR PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE SHERIFF AT A COUNTY-
SANCTIONED FIREARM BUYBACK EVENT TAKING PLACE ON THAT
COUNTY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, at firearm buyback events, individuals can turn in firearms to law enforcement anonymously and receive compensation in return; and

WHEREAS, the goal of a firearm buyback event is to reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths by taking unwanted firearms off the street and out of homes, while also providing an opportunity for the safe disposal of unwanted or unsecured firearms; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo hosted four such successful events in 2018-2021, collecting a total of 1,679 firearms;

WHEREAS, at firearm buyback events, participants are typically instructed to transport their firearms unloaded in the trunk of a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the County of San Mateo may desire to host a firearm buyback event on County Property; and

WHEREAS, to host a firearm buyback event on County Property, it is necessary to allow participants to bring their unwanted firearms onto County Property for the limited purpose of turning in such firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to amend Section 3.53.030 of Chapter 3.53 of Title 3 of the County's Ordinance Code to permit limited possession of firearms on County Property during a firearm buyback event.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, **ORDAINS** as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals constitute facts and findings of the Board of Supervisors and are hereby incorporated by this reference and made part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Section 3.53.030 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to add a subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) a person who is carrying the firearm for the purpose of immediately relinquishing that firearm to the San Mateo County Sheriff or any person or persons designated by the Sheriff at a County-sanctioned firearm buyback event taking place on that County Property. A firearm buyback event is an event at which individuals can turn in unwanted firearms to law enforcement.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Section 3.53.030 and Chapter 3.53 shall remain in effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after adoption.

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