



Firearm Dealer Licensing Ordinance

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Firearm Dealer Ordinance – Updates to Current County Law

The ordinance would:

- Repeal existing County licensing ordinance
- Establish more rigorous application and renewal process
- Impose more stringent storefront security requirements
- Prohibit operation near sensitive areas

Firearm Dealer Ordinance – Licensing Requirements

Any person or entity selling, leasing or transferring any firearm or ammunition:

- Must obtain a license issued by the County Manager
- Must pass a background check
- Annual renewal
- Liability insurance
- Inventory reports

Firearm Dealer Ordinance – Security Measures

The business site must have:

- Specified security features, i.e. steel bars over windows
- Secure storage of firearms and ammunition
- Alarm system
- Video surveillance
- Limited business hours
- Liability insurance

Firearm Dealer Ordinance – Proximity to Sensitive Areas

Business site cannot be less than:

- 200 ft from a residential structure;
- 600 ft from a school, community center, church, mosque or synagogue;
- 1,000 ft from a playground, child day care facility or youth center;
- 1,000 ft from any existing licensee.



Questions?