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## City Council Staff Report

**Report Type: CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Lead Department: City Clerk**

**Meeting Date: March 20, 2023**

Report #:2303-1093

### **TITLE**

SECOND READING: Ordinance Prohibiting Possession of Firearms in Sensitive Places. CEQA Status – Exempt Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). (FIRST READING: March 6, 2023 PASSED 7-0)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the attached ordinance prohibiting firearms in sensitive places on second reading. As directed by Council on March 6, 2023, the ordinance has been updated since it was first introduced to apply to any building within the geographic boundaries of the City that is owned or leased by a public entity other than the City for the purposes of government administration, where the public entity that owns or leases the property has authorized the City to enforce the prohibition on said property.

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 6, 2023, the City Council considered emergency and standard ordinances prohibiting the possession of firearms in certain sensitive places. The Council adopted the emergency ordinance as written and adopted the standard ordinance with one change: in addition to City property, the ordinance was to include the property of other units of government with their authorization. The relevant portion of the draft motion as it appears in the draft minutes is:

1. Adopt an emergency ordinance prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive places recognized by the Supreme Court.
2. Adopt a standard ordinance prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive places recognized by the Supreme Court, with the inclusion of other governmental properties, with their authorization.

PASSED: 7-0.

Staff have updated the ordinance accordingly and recommend adopting the ordinance as attached on second reading.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Adoption of the attached ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant adverse impact on the environment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Ordinance Prohibiting Possession of Firearms in Sensitive Places

**APPROVED BY:**

Lesley Milton, City Clerk