



DATE: March 8, 2022

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Attorney's Office and Police

TITLE: **Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles (Second Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt an Ordinance of the City of Mountain View Adding Article V to Chapter 21 of the Mountain View City Code Relating to the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in the City of Mountain View, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report). (First reading: 7-0)

SUMMARY

On February 22, 2022, the City Council introduced an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms in residences and vehicles. The ordinance requires firearms to be stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock when stored in residences. Firearms stored in unattended vehicles must be stored in a locked container in the trunk of a vehicle or in a permanently affixed locked container for vehicles without trunks. Firearms may never be stored in an unattended vehicle overnight. Violations of the ordinance may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

The City Council approved the ordinance by a seven-to-zero vote. This is a Second Reading of the ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms in vehicles. If approved, the ordinance will become effective on May 7, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

Any fiscal impact is limited to staff time required for enforcement and prosecution.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting. The ordinance was published at least two days prior to adoption in accordance with City Charter Section 522.

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Attachment: 1. Ordinance