



TOWN OF ELIZABETH

PATRICK G. DAVIDSON, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Patrick Davidson, Town Administrator
DATED: August 27, 2024
SUBJECT: Firearms in Sensitive Spaces

BACKGROUND

The Colorado State Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 24-131 which generally prohibited the carrying of firearms in “sensitive spaces”. This Bill became effective July 1, 2024. For purposes of the Town of Elizabeth, the Bill prevents carrying of a firearm on the property, within any building, or in any adjacent parking areas of any local governmental building where: (1) the chambers or galleries of the governing body is located; (2) a meeting of the governing body is being conducted; (3) the official office of any elected member of the governing body or of the chief executive officer is located; or (4) a courthouse or any other building or portion of a building used for Court proceedings.

Local governments may opt out of the prohibition on carrying a firearm in or near local governmental buildings by ordinance or regulation. Special conditions still remain for purposes of carrying a firearm related to polling and ballot drop box locations. Staff will work to ensure proper signage is provided to inform the public.

ANALYSIS

The Board has sought to opt out of Senate Bill 24-131 to the extent possible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends and supports opting out of Senate Bill 24-231 as it relates to the Town of Elizabeth.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance 24-13, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Town of Elizabeth Municipal Code to Permit the Carrying of Firearms in the Elizabeth Town Hall.