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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
**DATE:** MARCH 25, 2025  
**AGENDA TEXT:** Continued Discussion on Colorado Senate Bill 24-131 (8:30 – 8:45 P.M.)

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this agenda item is to continue a conversation around Colorado Senate Bill 24-1131 (the “Sensitive Spaces” Bill) that was discussed at the January workshop. The City Council has requested additional time and to hear from staff on the next steps on this topic.

**BACKGROUND**

Last year, the Colorado Legislature and Governor approved Senate 24-131, a bill prohibiting firearms in sensitive places. The new law took effect July 1, 2024. In summary, the act prohibits a person from knowingly carrying a firearm, both openly and concealed, in the following government buildings and their parking areas:

- State legislative buildings, including buildings at which the offices of elected members are located;
- A building of a local government's governing body, including buildings at which the offices of elected members or the chief executive officer of a local government are located (local government buildings); and
- A courthouse or other building used for court proceedings.

In addition to these governmental facilities, the law expanded the definition to include that firearms are also now prohibited in all schools, daycares, and colleges/universities. The law states that unlawful carrying of a firearm in a government building is a Class 1 Misdemeanor. Exceptions to the law include law enforcement officers, members of the United States armed forces or Colorado National Guard, security personnel, and a few other exceptions.

A local government may enact an ordinance to allow the carrying of a firearm at any of these locations, with the exception of the Municipal Court. Staff has found a few sample ordinances of organizations opting out of certain parts of the law, and those were discussed at the January workshop. The new law can be found at C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3 and the full text of the bill is available here: [Colorado SB 24- 131](#).