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TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Section 10-191 and Section 10-196 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Carrying Firearms in Public Spaces

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Ordinance

PRESENTED BY: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

WORK SESSION ITEM DESCRIPTION:

During the 2024 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 24-131 prohibiting, with limited exception, the carrying of firearms, including concealed handguns, on property and in buildings where, among others: (i) the chambers of a local government's governing body is located; (ii) a meeting of the local government's governing body is located; (iii) the office of the Mayor, a Town Councilmember or the Town Manager is located and (iv) judicial proceedings are located (collectively, "Public Spaces"). The legislation, codified at §§ 18-12-105.3 and 18-12-214, C.R.S., allows a local government to opt out of the restrictions with respect to all the Public Spaces except for where judicial proceedings are located. Based on conferral with the Town Council, the Town Council requested that the Town Attorney draft an ordinance to opt out of the prohibitions for persons with valid concealed carry permits.

Article X of Chapter 10 of the Johnstown Municipal Code regulates offenses related to weapons and Section 10-196 contained therein regulates the carrying of concealed weapons. The proposed ordinance, an Ordinance Amending Section 10-191 and Section 10-196 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Carrying Firearms in Public Spaces, adds a definition of firearm and handgun and modifies section 10-196 to accomplish the foregoing.

Staff would like to discuss this matter with you during a work session to provide opinions about its content.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

The Community that Cares



Town Manager