

**TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 1066**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE
MEAD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE IX TITLED “OTHER LAWS AND
REGULATIONS” AND ADDING SECTION 1-9-10 PERTAINING TO THE CARRYING OF A
FIREARM IN TOWN HALL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead (“Board of Trustees”) has the authority pursuant to its general police powers to pass and enforce regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Mead (“Town”); and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly passed SB 24-131; and

WHEREAS, the law took effect on July 1, 2024 and added C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3 which prohibits a person from knowingly carrying a firearm, whether loaded or not loaded, in certain areas as described in the statute, including property or within any building in which: the chambers . . . of a local government’s governing body are located, or a meeting of a local government’s governing body is being conducted; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(4)(b) specifically authorizes a local government to enact an ordinance opting out of this prohibition with respect to certain local government buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds and determines that in the interest of protecting the rights of its residents and elected officials to keep and bear firearms under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, it is desirable to adopt such an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to amend Chapter 1 of the Mead Municipal Code (the “MMC”) by the adoption of a new Article IX titled “Other Laws and Regulations” to permit the carrying of firearms in the Mead Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the amendments to the MMC as set forth herein are in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, Weld County, Colorado, that:

Section 1. Amendment. Chapter 1 of the MMC is now amended to add a new Article IX titled “Other Laws and Regulations” and a new Section 1-9-10 titled “Carrying of a Firearm in Town Hall” as follows:

ARTICLE IX – Other Laws and Regulations

Sec. 1-9-10 – Carrying of a Firearm in Town Hall.

Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, including but not limited to the provisions of Section 18-12-105.3(1)(b), C.R.S., a person may knowingly carry a firearm, whether loaded or not loaded, on the property or within any building in which:

- A. The chambers or galleries of the Board of Trustees are located;

- B. A meeting of the Board of Trustees is being conducted; or
- C. The official office of any elected member of the Board of Trustees or of the Town Manager is located.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided by law.

Section 3. **Remaining provisions.** Except as specifically amended hereby, all other provisions of the MMC shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. **Codification Amendments.** The codifier of the MMC is hereby authorized to make such numerical, technical and formatting changes as may be necessary to incorporate the provisions of this ordinance within the MMC.

Section 5. **Severability.** If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase is declared invalid.

Section 6. **Repealer.** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

Section 7. **Certification.** The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than one copy of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MEAD:

By: _____
Mary E. Strutt, MMC, Town Clerk

By: _____
Colleen G. Whitlow, Mayor