



## Agenda Item Summary

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MEETING DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJECT: **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

PRESENTED BY: Brent Newbanks, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Marcus McAskin, Town Attorney

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### SUMMARY

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C.R.S. 18-12-105.3 (the “Act”), which prohibits the carrying of a firearm in certain government buildings, took effect on July 1, 2024, following the passage of SB 24-131 during the 2024 legislative session. Under the Act, individuals are prohibited from carrying a firearm openly or concealed on any property or in any building in which, among other locations described in the Act: (1) the chambers or galleries of a local government’s governing body are located; (2) a meeting of a local government’s governing body is being conducted; or (3) the official office of any chief executive officer or elected member of a local government’s governing body is located.

The Act provides that the governing body of a local government may enact an ordinance opting out of this prohibition with respect to certain local government buildings. The Mead Police Department does not plan to actively screen attendees of Board of Trustee meetings for firearms, or to enforce the statute. Therefore, Town staff recommends adopting an ordinance that will amend the Mead Municipal Code (“MMC”) to opt out of the prohibitions established in the Act and allow the carrying of firearms in Town Hall.

Ordinance No. 1066 (the “Ordinance”) amends Chapter 1 of the MMC to add Article IX titled “Other Laws and Regulations” and adds a new section (Section 1-9-10) to the MMC titled “Carrying of a Firearm in Town Hall.” Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance to add the following Article and Section to the MMC:

#### ***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.

#### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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None

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED

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A motion to approve the September 9, 2024, consent agenda will approve the Ordinance. If this item is pulled off the consent agenda for further discussion or questions, Staff recommends the following motion:

Suggested Motion:

“I move to adopt 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.”

#### ATTACHMENTS

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