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MEMORANDUM

To: Palmer Lake Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Scotty P. Krob, Town Attorney

Date: July 24, 2024

Re: SB24-131 Prohibiting Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces

Municipalities are authorized to regulate the possession and use of firearms within their limits. It appears the only regulations related to firearms that have been adopted by the Town of Palmer Lake are (1) Section 9.52.010 which prohibits the discharge of a fire arm within town limits, subject to certain exceptions and (2) Section 12.12.040(4) which prohibits possession of a fire arm in any park.

During the last legislative session, the general assembly adopted SB24-131 Prohibiting Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces.

As applied to the Town, SB24-131 prohibits carrying loaded or unloaded firearms in:

- spaces used by the Board of Trustees for meetings
- offices of the Mayor or Trustees
- the office of the Town administrator
- buildings used for municipal court proceedings, and
- parking areas adjacent to such areas,

These restrictions apply unless the Town adopts an “ordinance, regulation, or other law” that allows carrying in one or more of the Town buildings covered by the bill.

The Act exempts peace officers carrying firearms pursuant to their authority and persons having a concealed carry permit that are carrying a handgun in an adjacent parking area

Options available to BOT:

1. Do nothing, in which event the prohibition against carrying firearms in the areas listed above will become effective July 1, 2024, or
2. Adopt a resolution designating which of the Town buildings a person will be permitted to carry a firearm in, and indicating whether the ability to carry a firearm in such buildings is limited to individuals having a concealed carry permit.

Schools

The bill also prohibits carrying a firearm, both openly and concealed, on school property, with certain exceptions (law enforcement, for example). The bill does not provide for opting out of the limitations related to schools.