



Firearms Retailer Regulations

City Council
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Background

- In the past several years, the City of Littleton has experienced 10 burglaries at 5 different firearms retailers (including pawnshops) resulting in 144 firearms illegally entering the criminal market.
- A review of crime reports shows that most firearm retailer burglary losses were due in part to not having weapons secured in a gun safe or safe room.

Background cont...

- The typical burglary of a firearms retailer is very quick. Generally most occur in 3 minutes or less.
- There are generally no federal or state requirements for firearms retailers outside of certain licensing and reporting requirements.

What does the ordinance do?

- Establishes a licensing requirement for all businesses selling firearms:
 1. Annual License
 2. Alarm notification to LPD
 3. Approval by LPD of Safe Storage Plan

Safe Storage Plan Requirements

A plan approved annually by LPD that addresses the following:

1. Storage of firearms during retail hours, after closing, and any off-site storage areas and in accordance with storage requirements set forth in 3-24-1 et seq of the Littleton City Code;

What are the storage requirements?

- During non-business hours, all firearms that are located in the retailers place of business shall be stored in a locked safe, locked steel gun cabinet, or secured safe room.

Safe Storage Plan Requirements Cont...

2. Alarm systems and theft deterrence systems;
3. Access to firearms during retail hours (business practices);
4. Procedures for removing/replacing firearms to show to customers;
5. Loss or theft reporting;

Safe Storage Plan Requirements Cont...

6. Description of anti-theft measures and practices;
7. Disaster plan;
8. Structural Security; e.g. physical hardening of the premises which includes but is not limited to bollards, break resistance windowing, secured bars across windows, locking metal reinforced doors, and reinforced walls;
9. Inventory Security;
10. Employee Screening; and,
11. Employee training and education about licensee's policy and procedures and loss prevention measures, if applicable.

QUESTIONS