



ORDINANCE NO. NS-2547

An ordinance of the City Council Amending Bend Municipal Code Title 3, creating Chapter 3.120, Firearms Prohibited in City Buildings

Findings

- A. Oregon law generally prohibits firearms in public buildings, with certain exceptions. The exceptions have included individuals who are licensed to carry a concealed handgun.
- B. The Oregon legislature enacted Senate Bill 243, the Community Safety Firearms Act, in 2025.
- C. The Act allows the governing body of a city, county, or district to adopt a policy, ordinance, or regulation providing that the affirmative defense described in ORS 166.370 (3)(g), concerning persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun under ORS 166.291 and 166.292, does not apply to the possession of firearms within a building owned or controlled by the governing body that is used by the governing body for official meetings.
- D. The City of Bend City Council, pursuant to Senate Bill 243 and ORS 166.377(3) and (4), wishes to adopt an ordinance as allowed by the Act to strengthen the prohibition against firearms in City buildings.
- E. Following adoption of this ordinance, the City will adopt an administrative policy to identify the buildings subject to the prohibition allowed by the Act.

Ordinance

Based on these findings, the City of Bend ordains as follows:

- Section 1.** Title 3 of the Bend Municipal Code is amended to create Chapter 3.120, Prohibition on Firearms in City Buildings as shown on the attached Exhibit A.
- Section 2.** If any provision, section, phrase, or word of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.



Section 3. All other provisions of the Bend Municipal Code remain unchanged by this ordinance and remain in effect.

First Reading

02/18/2026

Second Reading

03/04/2026

Adoption by Roll Call Vote

Yes: Kebler, Franzosa, Méndez, Norris, Perkins, Platt, Riley

No:

Melanie Kebler, Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Bontje, City Recorder

Approved as to form:

Ian Leitheiser, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

3.120 Firearms Prohibited in City Buildings.

A. Firearms are not allowed in City buildings. The affirmative defense described in ORS 166.370 (3)(g), concerning persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun under ORS 166.291 and 166.292, does not apply to the possession of firearms within City buildings that are used by the Bend City Council for official meetings.

B. The City Manager will adopt and maintain an administrative policy identifying the buildings to which the concealed carry prohibition applies. The policy may be updated from time to time, including but not limited to as the City's facilities and use of facilities changes over time. In addition, the policy shall, at a minimum, include the following elements:

1. A requirement to post a clearly visible sign, at all normal points of entry to the buildings subject to this chapter indicating that the affirmative defense described in ORS 166.370 (3)(g) does not apply.
 2. A requirement to post a notice on the governing body's website identifying all buildings subject to this chapter. Posting of the administrative policy described in this chapter satisfies this notice requirement.
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