

Falls Church

Sec. 2-211. - Firearms, Ammunition or Components Prohibited in City Buildings or Facilities, on Public Property or at Public Events.

(a) The possession, carrying or transportation of any firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof is prohibited:

- (1) In any building, or part thereof, owned or used by the City or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the City for governmental purposes: or
- (2) In any public park owned or operated by the City, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the City; or
- (3) In any recreation or community center facility operated by the City or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the City; or
- (4) In any public street, road, alley, or sidewalk or public right-of-way or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public and is being used by or is adjacent to a permitted event or an event that would otherwise require a permit. For buildings that are not owned by the city or an authority or local governmental authority created or controlled by the City, the above prohibitions shall apply only to the part of the building that is being used for a governmental purpose and when the building or part thereof is being used for a governmental purpose.

(b) The City Manager shall provide for security measures, such as the use of metal detectors and increased use of security personnel, designed to reasonably prevent the unauthorized access of such buildings, parks, recreation or community center facilities, or public streets, roads, alleys, or sidewalks or public rights-of-way or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public and is being used by or is adjacent to a permitted event or an event that would otherwise require a permit by a person with any firearm, ammunition, or component or combination thereof.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

- (1) Military personnel when acting within the scope of their official duties; (TO20-19) Page 5 of 5
- (2) Sworn law enforcement officers or retired law enforcement officers to the extent exempted by the Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act; 180
- (3) Private security personnel hired by the City, when any of them are present in buildings owned, leased or operated by the City or in parks and in any recreational or community facility that is owned or used by the City;
- (4) Historical re-enactors and any other persons who possess firearms that are inoperative or otherwise incapable of discharging a projectile and are not loaded with operable ammunition, when such persons are participating in, or traveling to or from, special events that involve the display or demonstration of such firearms;
- (5) Activities falling under the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Programs, NCAA rifle teams, Trap and Skeet Club, VMI Firing Range(s) or Marksmanship Club, or any other official public or private institution of higher education course, class, club or other activity;
- (6) Transportation of firearms in a vehicle when such firearms are not loaded with ammunition

and are secured in the vehicle, and when the vehicle is driving on a public street, road, alley, or public right of way that is open for usual transportation purposes; and

- (7) Firearms that are not loaded with ammunition and are secured in a locked vehicle that is parked on public property by persons conducting business with the City or authority or local governmental entity, for the reasonable duration of that business.

(d) Notice of the restrictions imposed by this ordinance shall be posted

- (1) At all entrances of any building, or part thereof, owned or used by the City or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the City for governmental purposes;
- (2) At all entrances of any public park owned or operated by the City, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the City;
- (3) At all entrances of any recreation or community center facility operated by the City or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the City; and
- (4) At all entrances or other appropriate places of ingress and egress to any public street, road, alley, or sidewalk or public right-of-way or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public and is being used by or is adjacent to a permitted event or an event that would otherwise require a permit.

(e) Any person violating this Subsection 2-211 shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, THAT this ordinance shall be effective on November 1, 2020