

ORDINANCE NO. 5236

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 3 (“CITY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES”) of Title 2 (“GENERAL GOVERNMENT”) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding a new Section 2-3-5, “Prohibition of Firearms on City Property.”

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 3 of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding new section 2-3-5 as follows:

Sec. 2-3-5 Prohibition of Firearms on City Property

- (1) The possession, carrying or transportation of firearms (a) in buildings owned, leased or operated by the City; or (b) in parks and ~~in~~ any recreational or community facility ~~other property that is owned or used by the City~~, is prohibited.
- (2) The possession, carrying, storage or transportation of firearms by City employees, agents or volunteers in workplaces owned, operated or managed by the City is prohibited.
- (3) This section shall not apply to (a) military personnel when acting within the scope of their official duties, (b) sworn law enforcement officers, ~~and~~ (c) 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 ~~on any other property~~ that is owned or used by the City; (d) 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.

Section 2. That Chapter 3 as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 3. That the provisions of this ordinance shall not become effective unless and until the Virginia General Assembly enacts an amendment to the Code of Virginia authorizing the prohibition and the City Council reenacts the ordinance consistent with the authority provided. ~~, That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2020.~~

JUSTIN WILSON
Mayor

Final Passage: September 14, 2019