

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. S-48-23

PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS ON CITY OF OMAHA PROPERTY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to make clear that firearms are prohibited on all owned or leased City of Omaha Property except as outlined herein.

POLICY:

The City of Omaha is entrusted with managing property throughout the City of Omaha to allow public business to be conducted, to allow for public use, and to allow for use by City employees to serve the public. Access to City Property is imperative for members of the public for a wide variety of community uses. With such access, it is essential that all citizens and employees are able to safely use City Property. With the various threats that have been made to public buildings, public spaces and to public figures and with the episodes of public violence that have occurred in various communities throughout the United States, it is appropriate to prohibit firearms at City of Omaha property and facilities.

In furtherance of its obligation to provide a safe place for the citizens and for its employees, the City of Omaha adopts the following policy:

1. **Firearms prohibited:** No person shall have in his or her possession any firearm on any City Property. City Property is defined as all City managed buildings/facilities/Parks/public spaces and surrounding areas such as sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots under the City's control. In determining whether something is City Property, it does not matter whether the City owns or leases the property.
2. **Signs:** Each Department Head shall cause all City Property that they oversee to have signs posted stating that firearms are prohibited. Such signs shall be conspicuously displayed at entrances and other prominent locations on City Property. The signs posted on City Property shall be consistent and shall include language approved by the City Law Department.
3. **Exceptions:** The prohibition detailed in this Executive Order shall not apply to (1) federal, state, county, or city law enforcement; (2) trained security personnel acting under contract or supervision of a government agency; (3) citizens transporting and using shotguns recreationally at the Harry A. Koch Trap & Skeet facility located at 6802 Harrison Street in Seymour Smith Park; or (4) those who have received prior appropriate approval from the Chief of Police.
4. This Executive Order is in addition to any Human Resources Policy that is currently in existence for employees of the City, including but not limited to Human Resource Policy #30- Workplace Violence Prevention & Response.

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EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Executive Order shall be effective on September 2, 2023.

OVERSIGHT:

The Omaha Police Department will have responsibility for enforcement of this Executive Order.

BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR BY SECTION 3.04 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OMAHA, 1956, AS AMENDED, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THIS TO BE THE EXECUTIVE ORDER CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS ON CITY OF OMAHA PROPERTY.

WITNESS my hand as Mayor of the City of Omaha this 30TH day of August, 2023.



Jean Stothert, Mayor
City of Omaha