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# **Gun Violence Prevention Ordinance**

**Public Safety Committee Meeting October 15, 2025**



## BACKGROUND

**Preemption Law** prohibits local governments from creating their own regulations on various subjects, most notably firearms, to ensure consistent statewide rules.

- In the context of firearms, state law completely preempts local authority over regulating firearms, ammunition, and their components.

Response to inaction at the state level to implement policies that address the epidemic of gun violence.

Cities from across Minnesota are united in calling for either:

1. Repeal preemption and allow cities to lead; OR
2. Implement more robust policies



## LOCAL ORDINANCE

The Ordinance proposed by Mayor Carter in the City of Saint Paul would:

- Ban assault weapons, large-capacity magazines, and binary triggers within city limits
- Require all firearms to have a serial number and prohibit untraceable ghost guns
- Restrict firearms in sensitive public spaces such as parks, libraries, recreation centers, and city-owned buildings
- Ensure clear signage at public facilities to inform residents and encourage compliance
- Establish penalties for violations and authorize enforcement by local public safety officials



# EXEMPTIONS

The following individuals have been identified as exempt from the proposed ordinance:

- Active-duty law enforcement and military personnel
- Licensed federal firearms curators
- Transport through the city (if unloaded, locked, and legally compliant)
- Disposal or transfer to authorized agencies



# COALITION

Coalition members include mayors, city officials, and leaders from:

- Saint Paul
- Minneapolis
- Bloomington
- Brooklyn Center
- Columbia Heights
- Eden Prairie
- Golden Valley
- Hopkins
- Minnetonka
- Mounds View
- Richfield
- Rochester
- Shoreview
- Saint Louis Park
- Stillwater
- West Saint Paul
- UMN Law Gun Violence Prevention Clinic
- Minnesota Moms Demand Action
- Protect MN
- Everytown
- Goals Not Guns coalition schools



# TIMELINE

Planned timeline for the ordinance process

- October 22: First reading and staff report
- November 5: Second reading and public hearing
- November 12: Third reading and final passage