

**From:** [Scott T.](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 8:43:34 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose the passing of this Ordinance # 23-22 in the City of Saint Paul. The passing of this Ordinance goes against my 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and will further limit my ability to protect myself against the criminals you are failing to apprehend. Currently there are three types of people who own firearms: Police, law-abiding citizens and criminals, passing of this ordinance will only affect law-abiding responsible firearm owning citizens because criminals do not care for or follow laws or Ordinances pertaining to firearm usage and or storage. All this Ordinance is going to do it is attack the rights of law-abiding responsible firearm owning citizens and allow criminals to increase their criminal activities. Passing this Ordinance will cause an increase in crimes such as Home Invasions, Burglars, and Sexual Assaults because this Ordinance will delay a person's ability to defend themselves in their greatest time of need and criminals will know this and use this to their advantage.

Why is the mentality of the City Council to punish law-abiding responsible firearm owning citizens and support criminal behavior? Have you looked at the numbers for criminal activities in the City of Saint Paul, IE: Car Jackings, Shots Fired, Murders, etc? How many of them have been committed by law-abiding responsible firearm owning citizens who are legally able to possess/carry a firearm vs "citizens" who are unable to possess/carry a firearm due to criminal histories?

I urge you and your other members to oppose this Ordinance and redirect your attention to supporting Law Enforcement and their efforts to reduce the crime statistics.

Respectfully Submitted:

Scott Tesch

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Gus Sandberg](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed safe storage law  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 8:34:35 AM

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Dear Council Members

I write to you today as a member of the MN Gun Owners Caucus. There is a new safe storage ordinance that has been proposed by Mayor Carter and the Council. I would ask that you vote no on this new ordinance. People in the state of MN have a right to defend themselves and they can't do that effectively if their firearms are rendered inoperable when someone breaks into their house. With rising violent crime it is more important than ever that citizens of St Paul be allowed to exercise their Second Amendment rights without infringement by local, state, or federal governments. These types of restrictions have already been opposed by over 80 Sheriffs in the state of MN. The people of St Paul are dealing with rising costs of living in the form of property tax increases as well as the closure of several St Paul schools. Asking us to also become victims for criminals is unacceptable. This city could become a shining example of entrepreneurship, safety, and education but we need accountability from our local government and from our Mayor. Public safety should be about stopping crime and not about punishing innocent citizens. Moms Demand among others are misleading you to adopt a radical anti gun agenda that won't make anyone safer.

Please vote no

Sincerely,

Gus Sandberg

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [robert Dennig](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Gun control  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 8:44:17 AM

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I oppose any ordinance that restricts lawful gun ownership and self defence.

R Dennig

**From:** [Mnwyld1](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Safe storage  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 8:27:38 AM

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Saint Paul City Council,

I find your end around attempt to circumvent the Minnesota state constitution deplorable. I know that you believe that you are protecting children, but by going around the law you are taking away the rights of many more. Illegally I might add. Please do not pass this into ordinance. It stops people from being able to effectively protect themselves in their own home which is in direct conflict with the second amendment. Think also of the cost the city of Saint Paul will incur fighting this in the courts only to eventually lose.

Todd Lund

45327 County Line Rd

Rushford MN 55971

**From:** [Jon Ekblad](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 8:04:03 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for allowing Public Comment on St Paul's proposed ordinance mandating "safe storage" of firearms.

I most strongly oppose such a measure. 1) This ordinance is illegal. State law prohibits municipalities from enacting ordinances that overstep MN firearms laws. 2) This ordinance is unconstitutional. SCOTUS specifically rejected the DC mandate of this nature. 3) Ordinances such as this merely restrict a citizen's ability to effectively defend his/her family in the event of a home invasion. They do nothing to prevent the violent crime that is surging in our cities.

And for the record, YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF THESE FACTS.

I find it abhorrent that our public servants would pursue a measure that restricts our Civil Rights, while clearly not accomplishing what it purports to do.

Please immediately drop this proposal!

Thank you.

Jon Ekblad

Please reply or write to:  
[jonekblad@writeme.com](mailto:jonekblad@writeme.com)

**In 2023 salvation is still free!**  
*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!*

**From:** [Kevin Vick](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Storage Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 8:05:05 AM

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I am writing to you in opposition to the proposed "Safe Storage" Ordinance 23-22 currently being entertained by the City Council. The proposed ordinance is a ham handed attempt to circumvent Minnesota State law and the U.S.Constitution.

Rendering firearms essentially useless denies citizens the ability to legally defend themselves with a firearm inside their homes and emboldens criminals intent on doing harm to law abiding citizens. It will also disproportionately impact minorities as the judicial system often does.

I strongly oppose the passage of St. Paul City Council Ordinance 23-22. Thank you.

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Kevin Vick

**From:** [Norma Valeri](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 7:59:23 AM

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I highly OBJECT to the ordinance for Safe Storage of weapons. This is against the 2nd amendment! I have the RIGHT to bear arms without having them locked where I cannot access them in an emergency created by one of the druggie criminals you have released from jail. Our Bill of Rights was created with the tyranny of government in mind. The only ones who will ignore your dumb ordinance is those who use guns to do evil!

**From:** [Scot Mahan-Miller](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Gun storage ...  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 7:51:17 AM

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The upcoming proposal mandating how to store firearms is not needed and goes against an already existing gun law.

Scot Mahan-Miller



**From:** [Kristin Koziol](#)  
**To:** [Greg Weiner](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Gun Storage Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:41:12 PM

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Do you want public comments that the ward offices receive? Or do you want us to attach on our own?

**Kristin Koziol | Executive Assistant to Councilmember Russel Balenger**

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**From:** Adam Best <[gaelicman@gmail.com](mailto:gaelicman@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 02:39 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1 <[Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Gun Storage Proposal

**Think Before You Click:** This email originated **outside** our organization.

Hello, Mr. Balenger!

I live in your ward, at 138 Arundel Street, Apt 207.

Please do not vote to adopt the newly proposed gun storage ordinance.

I am very much in favor of regulating firearms for public safety. I support universal background checks, requiring permits to carry a pistol, and a ban on MBR-platform weapons (as well as banning high-capacity magazines, etc.) In fact, if it was up to me, civilians would only be allowed to carry revolvers, and the only ammunition they could buy would be safety slugs that immediately disperse on impact (i.e., no FMJ bullets that can go through walls). In fact, that is the ammunition I keep in both my home defense pistol and my carry pistol.

I am a responsible gun owner who keeps my old service weapon (I am a veteran of the 186<sup>th</sup> Military Police Co.) beneath my bed in an locked safe (secured by code and fingerprint). It is loaded, because while the neighborhood is generally safe, it is not crime-free, and I live in a small, 1BR apartment with not the world's strongest door. A good shoulder slam or two, and an invader would be in my bedroom in about three seconds. I would NOT have time to unlock a separate ammunition safe, unlock my pistol, load it and use it before my attacker would be all over me. At that point, he would have as good a chance of getting my gun as I would. You can imagine how bad that would be; not just for me but also for the next person he accosted, carrying my well-maintained and accurately-sighted pistol.

I should note: there are no children in my household.

Again, I am very much in favor of regulating guns! But this is a stupid, unenforceable proposal that would actually put innocent lives like mine at risk.

I am as progressive a person as you'll find. I even ran for the MN House on the DFL ticket when I lived in Hugo. But if this ordinance is enacted, I will definitely have basis to challenge its constitutionality under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, and will absolutely do so.

Please, please, please don't do this! Please don't make me fight you on something the desired goal of which I totally support.

Sincerely your constituent,

Adam

Adam Best  
952.334.1474

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"The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are."  
C. S. Lewis

**From:** [Greg and Deb Paddock](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed safe storage ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:00:07 AM

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I oppose any and all attempts to infringe on my Second Amendment rights. I DO NOT need a government to tell me how and where to store my belongings. I can make that decision myself. When seconds count, help is ALWAYS minutes away... so called "safe storage" would hinder my safety! Vote no on this ordinance, thank you...

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**From:** [mking224c](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Gun Control Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:00:13 AM

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You people are Communists bent on destroying the 2nd Amendment freedoms. You're a disgrace to this country that gave you the opportunity to provide for your prosperity. Either you're traitors to this country and hate the freedoms provided to you and you wish to destroy everyone of them in order to make life miserable for every St Paul resident, who by law, has the right to keep and bear arms to protect themselves! Every Communist controlled blue city has gun control laws that have done absolutely nothing to deter crime. Just review the crime statistics of these Communist controlled cities and states! Still you wish to regulate law abiding gun owners, and ultimately disarm everyone except criminals! Everyone of you worthless P'sOS are in violation of an oath you took to serve as a public servant! The penalty for traitors to the Constitution are severe. And you should be held accountable! Do not adopt this into law!

Have a great day!  
Patriotismlover

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Jim](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Storage Legislation  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:06:12 AM

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Will never comply with a law like this.

I've lived in Minnesota all my life, and "Minnesota Nice" does not exist here any more. All new gun laws that Minnesota and other states want to pass only hurt regular Joe citizens, not the criminals who will continue to keep getting their weapons on the black (can I say that?) market. My guns and myself have gone through local city, sheriff, and FBI background checks before I even went home with them. Can the (criminals) say that? No! With a law this stupid, how can we expect to protect ourselves in case of a home invasion? Which brings me to my next question? When will stand your ground be up for debate! My state of Minnesota is a defund the police state, sanctuary state, for every thing that is bad coming here. And the only thing coming here will be more criminals. I will be looking forward to retirement here in a few years and will be looking to move from the only state that I've ever lived in or at least move up to northern Minnesota to get away from the twin cities. As a small business owner my work sometimes brings me to Minneapolis and I have to make a decision if I want to even go there or not. I don't like to treat others different in where they live but Minneapolis and St. Paul are cities I don't feel are safe! I don't even go to Twins games any more for said reasons. I grew up in South Minneapolis right near where George Floyd was killed and it's worse now than when I was a kid growing up! My gun has never jumped out of its holster and shot anyone. As all smart people know it's the person/people, that are the problem, not the guns! Sorry this was a little long, but needs to be said. I'm sure others feel the same way I do!!!

**From:** [Buddy MacRostie](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Safe storage  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:07:15 AM

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I live in the far north of MN and have been in this area my whole life, from the amount of time I have been on this earth I have noticed one thing about it state exclusively and it's that the only places that matter are two county's which include the Duluth and saint Paul area due to population size in comparison to the rest of the state. What I'm saying is the only places that seem to want to get rid of guns or somehow impede on my way to protect my home and my family from the evil that pollutes our world right now are the places that let the city's burn for a "mostly peaceful" protest. I do not believe and nor do most of the people in our area believe that this safe storage stuff will do any good and only impede the people that are law abiding citizens because we do care about keeping our kids safe, we do care about making sure that we do not end up in jail, we do care about our rights as law abiding citizens against the criminals that have been allowed to run rampantly. The only thing this will do is not allow quick access to a firearm to protect themselves in their own home from an intruder. I hope that this email got my point across thank you for taking the time to read it.

**From:** [brian@brianljones.com](mailto:brian@brianljones.com)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:23:52 AM

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Counsel Members,

As a long time resident of St Paul I oppose your attempt to regulate that which you have not authority. Minnesota state law explicitly preempts counties, cities, townships, and other governmental entities from regulating firearms. Saint Paul must not adopt ordinances that conflict with the state's preemption laws and the Second Amendment rights of Saint Paul residents!

Stop attempting to waste money with rules and regulations that will be challenged in court and which you will lose.

Focus on crime and street maintenance issues that you have ignored for over 2 years.

Thank you.

Brian L Jones

2009 Stillwater Ave E, St Paul MN 55119

**From:** [Jon Musburger](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** No Firearms Stored  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:37:36 AM

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Honorable Council  
All of the Bill of Rights for all Citizens.

Jon Musburger  
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**From:** [George Lysdahl](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Storage  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:37:56 AM

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Dear Members of the St.Paul City Council,

I have been informed of Ordinance 23-22, as proposed, would mandate that firearms always be stored with a locking device or within a safe at all times.

I am appose to this ordinance.

St. Paul has a crime problem. The ordinance will put the average law abiding citizen from the ability to defend themselves from your growing crimes.

This also is in violation of state and federal protective law.

Minnesota state law *explicitly preempts* counties, cities, townships, and other governmental entities from regulating firearms, except for zoning of gun shops & ranges and the discharge of a firearm.

The Second Amendment also explicitly protects against such defenseless storage mandates. In the *Heller* decision, the court rejected a Washington, DC ordinance that required firearms to be "disassembled or bound by a trigger lock at all times, rendering it inoperable."

Regards,  
George Lysdahl

**From:** [Jeff Bell](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:45:26 AM  
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I strongly oppose the Ordinance you are trying to ram through! Minnesota state law *explicitly preempts* counties, cities, townships, and other governmental entities from regulating firearms, period. Know your Role and do the Job you were Elected to do, this is NOT it!!!

Jeff Bell, Assistant Security Project Manager | Carver County Facilities Department  
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**From:** [kip.matthews](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2nd amendment!  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:48:57 AM

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Don't mess with our constitution and stop the extra gun infringement laws!!!!  
In other words stop trying to make more unconstitutional gun laws. We do not support this as AMERICANS!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Devlin Arms Defense Training](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Gun storage.  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:59:19 AM

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Dear Saint Paul's Collective Band Of Idiots.

The answer to all of your edicts regarding guns and or gun storage is going to be a resounding No. You have saddled my area with a traffic problem, an eyesore, rising crime, and potholes that never get filled. Your Ska Band of morons is not going to tell me how I store gasoline in my garage let alone how I store anything in my home.

I live in Dayton's Bluff. In 2011 my house was shot up 4 times by a drug dealer and his clown posse. John Choi and the SPPD did nothing. It was that even that led me to being a permit to carry instructor. Living in Saint Paul and watching its decline on Democrat watch has shown me how a city that once flourished dies a death by ineptocratic rule.

There is no gun violence epidemic. There is a gang violence epidemic that is fostered, funded and is multigenerational. There are gangs in my neighborhood. Want to know how they get their guns? They steal them from cops. They have them given to them by their fellow family members and girlfriends. They buy the guns off of junkies who steal from people to fund their habits. Raid any homeless camp and you will find all manner of stolen guns.

Storage of firearms is the duty of every law abiding gun owner, but how they store their stuff is not your business. Not when the city council and the mayor lie to us about the real problems and waste our tax dollars funding things that enrich a select few and rob the many.

I have a profound amount of contempt for all of you liars. When I moved to the twin cities in 2001, the streets were amazing, few potholes and the snow removal was the envy of any snowbound community. Within 10 years that started to change due to what group of morons took over.

Now the city rots from within and no amount of unconstitutional power grabbing is going to change that. Because the gangs who are the problem along with the druggie and homeless crowd are not going to obey your edicts. So I won't be allowing anyone into my home for the same reasons. You all think you have the ability to demand the law abiding do what you say. How about telling the parents of the gang members the Sam's thing? Hold them responsible for the acts of their children because you are blaming people like me for a problem that lax law enforcement and a mindset of appeasement has helped create.

All of you need to resign in disgrace for what you have done to my part of the city and honestly every day that I live here, is one more day that I think about moving elsewhere because the fish rots from the head first. You all are to blame for the city's problems.

Not me.

Thomas Allison  
Law abiding citizen and victim of gang violence.

**From:** [Marten Kuebler](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 22-23  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:01:53 AM

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

Please, don't pass proposed ordinance 22-23. It's a bad idea because it won't keep anybody safer from guns. Expanding gun regulations for law abiding citizens does absolutely nothing to stop evil people from committing criminal acts with firearms. The only way to stop gun violence is to address the root of the issue. The crime and the mental health problems in the St. Paul community. Everybody wants a safer community. Everybody wants less gun violence but you won't get it with this ordinance. This isn't even a step in the right direction.

From,  
Marten Kuebler

**From:** [nick kropf](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:22:42 AM

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Dear City Council,

I ask you to vote against the proposed ordinance 23-22. I am a St Paul resident, veteran, and a first responder. This ordinance takes away law abiding citizens' freedom and makes self-protection impossible. I will not feel safe living in this city without the means to protect myself.

Instead of making me more likely to be a victim of violence by taking away my ability to defend myself, please do more to imprison violent offenders. Your voice can make a difference within our county and state judicial system. But please, don't make the mistake of taking freedom from the honest, law abiding, tax paying, and voting citizens of this city.

Sincerely,  
Nick Kropf

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**From:** [B Hartman](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:26:59 AM

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Honorable council members,

I am a former law enforcement officer and I will not bore you with repeating the 2nd Amendment. I do have issues with this ordinance though.

During my time as a detective I investigated many home burglaries. Guns that were locked in cases and safes were always a target as they were easily found. The guns that weren't stolen were often hidden around the house.

Obviously responsible gun owners would not leave guns around where kids could access them anyway but not everyone has kids.

The main problem for me would be not having easy access to a firearm if it was needed. I have seen situations where if the time to unlock a weapon or open a safe was needed the outcome would not have been favorable.

I ask you to reconsider this ordinance as it would make people criminals just for trying to protect themselves.

Enforcing the laws we already have would work.

Reckless endangerment comes to mind to cover a lot of situations.

Do we have a gun problem? Yes

Will passing lots of rules and laws help. No! not where it's needed.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Brad

Concerned citizen

**From:** [Jami Burbidge](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in support of 23.22  
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Good morning,  
Attached please find a letter of support for Ordinance 23.22 in advance of Wednesday's meeting.  
Thank you, Jami

**Jami Burbidge, MAM** | Chief Operating Officer

**Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians**

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April 24, 2023

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of our more than 3,100 current and future family physician members, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) calls on Minnesota policymakers to take meaningful steps to protect our patients and communities to address the public health epidemic caused by firearms death and injury. The MAFP encourages your support of proposed St. Paul Ordinance 23-22 as an important opportunity to safeguard St. Paul community members.

It is unacceptable that on average ninety-six Americans are killed every day with a gun and that at least twice that number are injured. As physicians, the members of MAFP are committed to addressing the gun violence epidemic and encouraging our communities to work together to find meaningful solutions to ensure that guns do not fall into the hands of those who wish to harm themselves or others, while respecting safe and responsible gun ownership. Ordinance 23.22 would broaden the definition of “acts deemed attempt to discharge a firearm” to include the unsecure storage of an unattended firearm. Ensuring firearms are stored safely is an important, logical step to protect Minnesotans.

Overwhelmingly the health care community is in support of common-sense measures to protect our patients from gun violence. We thank you for engaging in these efforts and for your consideration of Ordinance 23.22.

Sincerely,



Alexis Vosooney, MD  
President, MAFP

**From:** [Jeff John](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly oppose Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:32:04 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly oppose proposed ordinance 23-22.

Minnesota state law *explicitly preempts* counties, cities, townships, and other governmental entities from regulating firearms, except for zoning of gun shops & ranges and the discharge of a firearm.

The Second Amendment also explicitly protects against such defenseless storage mandates. In the *Heller* decision, the court rejected a Washington, DC ordinance that required firearms to be "disassembled or bound by a trigger lock at all times, rendering it inoperable."

Sincerely,

Jeffrey John  
St. Paul 66B

**From:** [Matt Determan](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Learn our freedoms!  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:45:55 AM

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Shame on you! 2nd amendment has no fine print! Remove your anti 2nd bills and figure out law abiding citizens are not the problem!

**From:** [Curt Olmscheid](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:42:50 AM

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The “Safe Storage” bill the council is proposing is illegal and unconstitutional. Why are you attempting to make St Paul residents defenseless? Please explain.

Curt Olmscheid  
320-237-0088

**From:** [Matt Determan](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Learn our freedoms!  
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**From:** [David](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Gun storage  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 11:32:27 AM

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Your wild selfless approach to gun safe storage will be a very costly lawsuit our city that you will definitely lose. I would encourage you to speak to an attorney prior to making a big financial mistake for the city. Being a council member you need to take into account your duties to not spend city dollars like a 16 year old with a check book. The moment I'm not allowed to defend my family within a reasonable amount of time, and someone dies as a result. I will sue the city for wrongful death. Along with each of you individually. Remember, Bad votes have consequences.

We don't have a private security team to protect our families like some of you have had.

What makes your family more important than mine? Safe storage is a pipe dream that will fail in a court of law!

**From:** [Richard Campanaro](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** New gun laws are unconstitutional!  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 11:56:39 AM

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City council,

I am not in favor of the new laws concerning gun control! This only hurts us law abiding citizens! We would be better to help the mentally challenged citizens who commit a lot of the gun violence! No gun has ever shot anyone by it self!

Thanks,

Rich Campanaro

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Clint Dodd](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 11:57:08 AM

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The City of Saint Paul is going to attempt to pass an ordinance that mandates "safe storage", or more accurately, defenseless storage, in violation of Minnesota's state preemption law & the Second Amendment.

Ordinance 23-22, as proposed, would mandate that firearms always be stored with a locking device or within a safe at all times.

Minnesota state law *explicitly preempts* counties, cities, townships, and other governmental entities from regulating firearms, except for zoning of gun shops & ranges and the discharge of a firearm.

The Second Amendment also explicitly protects against such defenseless storage mandates. In the *Heller* decision, the court rejected a Washington, DC ordinance that required firearms to be "disassembled or bound by a trigger lock at all times, rendering it inoperable."

The proposed ordinance restricts the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens and fails to address the real issue of criminal misuse of firearms. It would penalize responsible gun owners without addressing the root causes of gun violence. Furthermore, even if the city were to adopt this proposal, enforcing this ordinance would likely necessitate allowing law enforcement or other government agents to search homes and vehicles, which raises significant privacy concerns and potential civil liberties violations.

Moreover, such enforcement would disproportionately affect communities with increased police contacts, including economically disadvantaged and BIPOC communities, further exacerbating existing inequalities and tensions in these areas.

I ask you to oppose Ordinance 23-22.

Respectfully,  
Clinton Dodd



**From:** [Ivan Sovostyanov](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose to Ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 12:05:23 PM

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Good afternoon,

Recently I have learned that you are proposing an unconstitutional ordinance(23-22) that will strip the law-abiding citizens of their right to readily defend themselves with means necessary.

As an EMT who works in St. Paul, I am appalled by your actions in considering such dictatorship measures. You are trying to strip away law-abiding citizens' right to readily defend themselves while traveling or temporarily staying in St. Paul.

I hope that you actually reconsider your actions and I **OPPOSE** Ordinance 23-22.

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**Ivan Sovostyanov**

**From:** [Bridget Axelson](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [#CI-StPaul Ward4](#)  
**Subject:** Gun safety  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 1:45:21 PM

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Dear Council member,

Thank you for taking on the important issue of ensuring that gun owners in St. Paul use safe practices to store their legal firearms.

Please support the amendment to chapter 225 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code on weapons discharge to require firearms be safely stored and secured, with ammunition stored separately, to reduce incidents of harm caused by unlawful discharge of unsecured firearms.

The Minnesota legislature failed to act on this bill this session but we can, in conjunction with the Mayor and the City Council, make our city safer by enacting this language. This is critical especially as we've seen an increase in gun violence within our schools this year. My children attend Highland Park Highschool, they have been impacted by guns, fear of guns this school year including a young person who attended a volleyball game with a gun.

Thank you for taking on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bridget Axelson

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**From:** [Ronald Milleson](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Guns  
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Leave our guns alone.Focus on the criminal and not citizens trying to protect them self's .Stop being crazy  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nicolas SALOM](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony on ordinance 23-22  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 4:28:03 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed "safe storage" ordinance amendment for legal firearms in our city. This ordinance is being introduced under the false pretext of regulating discharges of firearms, in order to circumvent Minnesota state law explicitly forbidding municipalities from regulating anything but zoning and discharge locations. Indeed, cheap tricks aside, the council knows full well that this ordinance goes against Minnesota state law. As a matter of reference, it is important to note that negligent storage of firearms, where a child under age 18 is likely to gain access to it, is already illegal in Minnesota.

Furthermore, the ordinance is unconstitutional based on *D.C. vs Heller*, where the Supreme Court upheld an individual's right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes, including self-defense. The court held that the D.C. trigger-lock requirement violated this right.

Moreover, I find it appalling that while the city council is wasting taxpayers' money on an ordinance that goes against state law and the U.S. Constitution, therefore making it dead on arrival, it's also begging the state government to impose a higher sales tax on citizens of the metro area to fix roads (Minnesota already has one of the highest tax burdens in the country).

Lastly, and as a matter of principle more than law, I find it outrageous, and indeed both libticide and privacy-destroying that the council is trying to mandate how I, a responsible, law abiding, tax paying gun owner should handle my property inside my own home.

I urge you to reconsider this proposed bill and instead perhaps focus on those items that are the city's main prerogative - namely fixing the roads and ensuring adequate levels of police staffing - both of which have been quite unsatisfactory.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Salom  
Saint Paul Resident