

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Police Code - Prohibition of Firearms at Public Gatherings]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to prohibit firearms at certain public gatherings.

Existing Law

State law prohibits the open carrying of firearms within the City. City law prohibits carrying concealed firearms on most City-owned property, with the exception of the public right of way.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would amend the Police Code to prohibit all firearms at certain outdoor public gatherings held in the public right of way and on publically owned park land within the geographical boundaries of the City. The prohibition would apply to demonstrations, parades, and street closures involving 50 or more participants. The prohibition would not apply to law enforcement officers, members of the military, licensed security guards, and certain other individuals who are authorized to carry firearms under state law. Violation of the ordinance would be a misdemeanor. City departments that issue permits for events covered by the ordinance must include as a condition of the permit that no firearms be permitted.

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