

ORDINANCE # <u>353</u>

## AN ORDINANCE REPEALING A SECTION OF CITY CODE IN REGARDS TO CONCEALED WEAPONS AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION

WHEREAS, current City Code prevents the carrying of firearms in any City facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City believes it to be beneficial to allow law-abiding citizens and city employees the freedom to choose if they want to carry firearms on their person in some City facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City believes restricting the carry of firearms in certain facilities, including the police station and the municipal court, is in the best interest of public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Plattsburg, Missouri as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Code, Chapter 210, Section 210.556 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2:** Chapter 210 of city code is hereby amended by the creation of a new section, entitled 210.560 Possession of Firearms in Police Facilities, which shall read as follows:

## Section 210.560 – Possession of Firearms in Police Facilities

- A. No person, except commissioned law enforcement officers, or other persons granted such permission by the Chief of Police, shall be in possession of firearms within Plattsburg Police Department facilities.
- B. Any person knowingly carrying a firearm in violation of Subsection A of this Section shall be guilty of the offense of unlawful use of weapons.
- C. The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall post the premises as being off-limits to firearms by means of one or more signs displayed in a conspicuous place of a minimum size of eleven inches by fourteen inches with the writing thereon in letters of not less than one inch.
- D. For the purposes of this section, "Plattsburg Police Department Facilities" shall be defined as the portion of City Hall being used as a police station, the interior of any city vehicles assigned to the Police Department, and the Council Chambers when being used as a municipal court.

**SECTION 3:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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**SECTION 4:** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provision hereof is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5:** The City Clerk is hereby authorized to correct any scriveners' errors made in amending the City Code.

**SECTION 6:** All existing ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

READ TWICE BY TITLE ONLY, PASSED, APPROVED, & ADOPTED THIS

12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR 2024 BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURG, MISSOURI

BY A VOTE OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN FAVOR, \_\_\_\_ OPPOSED, AND \_\_\_\_ ABSTAINING.

James M. Kennedy,

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk