

ORDINANCE 23-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO
BANNING WEAPONS IN SENSITIVE PLACES

The City Council of the City of West Sacramento does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Authority. The purpose of this ordinance is to add Chapter 2.44 to the Municipal Code. The City Council enacts this ordinance in accordance with the authority granted to cities by the California Constitution and state law.

Section 2. Additions. Chapter 2.44 is hereby added to the West Sacramento Municipal Code, to read as follows:

Chapter 2.44. Prohibition on Possession of Weapons in City Facilities

2.44.010. Weapons Prohibited.

Except as permitted by Section 2.44.030, no person may carry a weapon in any Sensitive Place. This prohibition expressly applies to those in attendance at any meeting of the City Council, meetings of any City Commission or Committee, and meetings of other governmental bodies held in City Facilities.

2.44.020. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- A. "City Facilities" means buildings owned or operated by the City of West Sacramento.
- B. "Sensitive Place(s)" shall mean City Facilities and any polling place during polling.
- C. "Weapon" means any of the following:
 - 1. A firearm;
 - 2. A deadly weapon described in California Penal Code section 17235;
 - 3. A knife with a blade length in excess of four inches, the blade of which is fixed or is capable of being fixed in an unguarded position by the use of one or two hands; or
 - 4. An instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or pellet, through the force of air pressure, CO₂ pressure, or spring action, or any spot marker gun or paintball gun.

2.44.030. Exceptions.

Section 2.44.010 shall not apply to, or affect, any of the following:

- A. A duly appointed peace officer as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the California Penal Code.
- B. A person who has permission to possess the weapon in a sensitive place granted in writing by the City Manager or designee.

C. A person hired by the City to act as an armed security guard during the time in which he or she is working in that capacity.

2.44.040. Use of Weapons Detection System.

The City may utilize a weapons detection system, such as a metal detector, in order to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. The City may adopt a policy which sets out the procedures for use of the weapons detection system as it deems appropriate.

2.44.050. Signage

Appropriate signage shall be placed at or near the entrances to Sensitive Places indicating that weapons are prohibited within such places and citing to this Ordinance and any policy adopted hereunder.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this chapter, to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.

Section 4. Effective Date and Publication. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption, and pursuant to Resolution 99-46 was published in summary format prior to adoption, and a summary will be published within 15 days after adoption in a paper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of West Sacramento.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento this 18th_ day of October, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Alcalá, Early, Sulpizio Hull, Orozco.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Guerrero.
ABSTAIN: None.

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Martha Guerrero, Mayor

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