

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code, to define and prohibit new gun dealers within 1,000 feet of sensitive uses and other gun dealers.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-0060**

An ordinance amending Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code, to define and prohibit new gun dealers within 1,000 feet of sensitive uses and other gun dealers.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 22.14.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.14.010 A.**

...

**Ambulance services facility.** A facility operated by a non-public agency where ambulances or ambulettes are located and dispatched for the purpose of responding to emergency and non-emergency calls from public agencies or any other individuals or entities. Such a facility may operate 24 hours a day and may include sleeping facilities, a locker room, restrooms with showers, and a lunchroom. Ambulances and ambulettes may be washed and maintained at any such facility. For the definition of ambulance services facility, "ambulance" shall be as defined in Section 7.16.010.B of Title 7 (Business Licenses) of the County Code; "ambulette" shall be as defined in Section 7.17.010.A of Title 7 (Business Licenses) of the County Code; and "public agency" shall be as defined in Section 7.02.280 of Title 7 (Business Licenses) of the County Code.

Ammunition dealer. See "Gun dealer."

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**SECTION 2.** Section 22.14.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.14.070 G.**

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Guest suite. A combination of two or more guest rooms.

Gun dealer. Any person, firm, corporation, or other business enterprise required by California Penal Code section 26500 to obtain a business license to engage in the business of selling, transferring, leasing, trading, accepting on consignment, or advertising for sale, transfer, lease, trade, or consignment to the public any portable firearm, including a rifle, shotgun, or revolver, accessory, component, or any device designed, modified, or capable of being used as a weapon, from which is expelled through barrel a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion, as defined in Chapter 7.46 (Definitions) of the County Code, as amended. This definition is inclusive of "ammunition dealer," which means any person, firm, corporation, or other business enterprise holding a current ammunition vendor license issued, pursuant to California Penal Code section 30385.

**SECTION 3.** Section 22.16.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.16.030 Land Use Regulations for Zones A-1, A-2, O-S, R-R, and W.**

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C. Use Regulations.

1. Principal Uses. Table 22.16.030-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each principal use.

<b>TABLE 22.16.030-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL, OPEN SPACE, RESORT AND RECREATION, AND WATERSHED ZONES</b>						
	A-1	A-2	O-S	R-R	W	Additional Regulations
...						
Retail/Commercial Uses						
...	-	-	-	CUP <sup>4,9</sup>	-	
Grocery stores	-	-	-	CUP <sup>4,9</sup>	-	
<u>Gun dealers</u>	=	=	=	=	=	
...						

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**SECTION 4.** Section 22.18.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.18.030 Land Use Regulations for Zones R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5.**

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C. Use Regulations.

1. Principal Uses. Table 22.18.030-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each principal use.

<b>TABLE 22.18.030-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONES</b>							
	R-A	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	Additional Regulations
...							
Retail/Commercial Uses							
Farmers' markets	MCUP	MCUP	MCUP	MCUP	MCU	MCUP	Section 22.140.220
<u>Gun dealers</u>	=	=	=	=	=	=	
...							

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**SECTION 5.** Section 22.18.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.18.060 Development Standards and Regulations for Zone RPD.**

Premises in Zone RPD shall be subject to the following regulations:

A. Use Regulations.

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4. Prohibited Uses. The following uses are prohibited in Zone RPD:

a. Oil wells and production facilities, in accordance with

Section 22.140.400 (Oil Wells and Production Facilities); and

b. Gun dealers, in accordance with Section 22.140.255 (Gun

Dealers).

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**SECTION 6.** Section 22.20.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.20.030 Land Use Regulations for Zones C-H, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-M,**

**C-MJ, and C-R.**

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C. Use Regulations.

1. Principal Uses. Table 22.20.030-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each principal use.

TABLE 22.20.030-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL ZONES								
	C-H	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-M	C-MJ	C-R	Additional Regulations
...								
Retail/Commercial Uses								
...	-	SPR <sup>10</sup>	SPR <sup>10</sup>	SPR	SPR	-	CUP <sup>4</sup>	
Grocery stores	-	SPR <sup>10</sup>	SPR <sup>10</sup>	SPR	SPR	SPR	CUP <sup>4</sup>	

TABLE 22.20.030-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL ZONES								
	C-H	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-M	C-MJ	C-R	Additional Regulations
<u>Gun dealers</u>	=	=	=	<u>CUP</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>Section 22.140.255</u>
...								

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**SECTION 7.** Section 22.20.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.20.090 Development Standards and Regulations for Zone CPD.**

Premises in Zone CPD shall be subject to the following regulations:

A. Use Regulations.

...

3. Prohibited Uses. The following uses are prohibited in Zone CPD:

a. Oil wells and production facilities, in accordance with

Section 22.140.400 (Oil Wells and Production Facilities); and

b. Gun dealers, in accordance with Section 22.140.255 (Gun

Dealers).

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**SECTION 8.** Section 22.22.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.22.030 Land Use Regulations for Zones M-1, M-1.5, M-2, and**

**M-2.5.**

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C. Use Regulations.

1. Principal Uses. Table 22.22.030-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each principal use.

<b>TABLE 22.22.030-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL ZONES</b>					
	M-1	M-1.5	M-2	M-2.5	Additional Regulations
...					
Retail/Commercial Uses					
...					
Grocery stores	SPR	SPR	SPR	CUP	
<u>Gun dealers</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>Section 22.140.255</u>
...					

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**SECTION 9.** Section 22.22.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.22.050 Land Use Regulations for Zones B-1 and B-2.**

Table 22.22.050-A, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each use.

<b>TABLE 22.22.050-A: LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR ZONES B-1 AND B-2</b>			
Use or Structure	B-1	B-2	Additional Regulations
...			
On-site, excluding projects where the Review Authority has previously considered such grading proposal as indicated by approval of an environmental document incorporating consideration of such grading project	CUP	CUP	Section 22.140.240
<u>Gun dealers</u>	=	=	
...			

**SECTION 10.** Section 22.24.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.24.030 Land Use Regulations for Rural Zones.**

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C. Use Regulations.

1. Principal Uses. Table 22.24.030-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each principal use.

TABLE 22.24.030-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR RURAL ZONES			
	C-RU	MXD-RU	Additional Regulations
...			
Retail/Commercial Uses			
...	-	-	
Grocery stores	SPR	SPR	
Gun dealers	CUP	=	Section 22.140.255
...			

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**SECTION 11.** Section 22.26.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.26.020 Institutional Zone.**

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B. Land Use Regulations.

...

3. Use Regulations.

a. Principal Uses. Table 22.26.020-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each use.

TABLE 22.26.020-B: LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR ZONE IT		
		Additional Regulations
...		
Parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas, including accessory facilities	CUP	
Retail/Commercial Uses		
Gun dealers	=	
Service Uses		



TABLE 22.26.020-B: LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR ZONE IT		
		Additional Regulations
...		

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**SECTION 12.** Section 22.26.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.26.030 Mixed Use Development Zone.**

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B. Land Use Regulations.

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3. Use Regulations.

a. Principal Uses.

i. Table 22.26.030-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each principal use.

TABLE 22.26.030-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR ZONE MXD		
		Additional Regulations
...		
Retail/Commercial Uses		
...		
Grocery stores <sup>6</sup>	SPR	
Gun dealers	=	
...		

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**SECTION 13.** Section 22.26.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.26.060 Parking Restricted Zone.**

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B. Land Use Regulations.

...

3. Use Regulations.

a. Principal Uses. Table 22.26.060-B, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each principal use.

TABLE 22.26.060-B: PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS FOR ZONE P-R		
		Additional Regulations
Alternative financial services	-	Section 22.140.690
Cannabis businesses and activities, including renting, leasing, and permitting	-	Section 22.140.134
<u>Gun dealers</u>	=	<u>Section 22.140.255</u>
...		

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**SECTION 14.** Section 22.60.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.60.030 Prohibited Uses.**

In addition to uses listed in Section 22.22.030.E (Prohibited Uses), premises in Zone ( )-IP shall not be used for the following uses listed in Table 22.60.030-A, below:

TABLE 22.60.030-A: USES PROHIBITED IN ZONE ( )-IP
...
Greenhouses
<u>Gun dealers</u>
...

**SECTION 15.** Section 22.140.255 is hereby added to read as follows:

**22.140.255 Gun Dealers.**

A. Applicability. This Section applies to gun dealers in zones C-3, C-M, C-MJ, C-R, C-RU, M-1, M-1.5, M-2, and M-2.5.

B. Conditional Use Permit. A conditional use permit (Chapter 22.158) application is required for all gun dealers in zones C-3, C-M, C-R, C-RU, M-1, M-1.5, M-2, and M-2.5.

C. Existing Uses. Gun dealers that were lawfully existing as of January 18, 2024, the effective date of this Section, and are in compliance with Chapter 7.46 (Gun Dealers) of the County Code, may remain in their present condition, subject to the provisions of Chapter 22.172 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings, and Structures), except that the termination period enumerated in Subsection B.1.e of Section 22.172.050 (Termination Conditions and Time Limits) shall not apply.

D. Hours of Operation. Hours of operation are limited to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

E. Business License. Gun dealers shall obtain a business license in accordance with Chapter 7.46 (Gun Dealers) of the County Code.

F. Prohibited.

1. The property boundary of a gun dealer shall not be within 1,000 feet of the property boundary of a park, school, library, childcare center, or another gun dealer.

2. The discharge or firing of any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, firearm, accessory, component, or other device designed, modified, or capable of being used as a weapon so as to expel a projectile on premises for the gun dealer use shall be prohibited.

**SECTION 16.** Section 22.172.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.172.050 Termination Conditions and Time Limits.**

The following regulations shall apply to all nonconforming uses and buildings and structures nonconforming due to use, and to buildings and structures nonconforming due to standards as specified in this Section.

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B. Termination by Operation of Law. Nonconforming uses and buildings or structures nonconforming due to use, and those buildings or structures nonconforming due to standards enumerated in this Section, shall be discontinued and removed from their sites within the time specified in this Section, except when extended or revoked as otherwise provided in this Title 22:

1. In the case of nonconforming uses and buildings or structures nonconforming due to use:

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e. Where a nonconforming use is carried on in a conforming structure, five years except where the provisions of Subsection C, below, or as otherwise provided in this Title 22, apply;

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SECTION 17. This ordinance shall be published in The Daily Commerce a newspaper printed and published in the County of Los Angeles.



[Signature]  
Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer -  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that at its meeting of December 19, 2023 the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County of Los Angeles by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes

Noes

Supervisors Hilda L. Solis  
Holly J. Mitchell  
Lindsey P. Horvath  
Janice Hahn  
Kathryn Barger

Supervisors None  
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Effective Date: January 18, 2024

Operative Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]  
Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer -  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

~~I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 28103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.~~

**CELIA ZAVALA**  
Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By [Signature]  
Deputy

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