

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 (a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including promoting the quality of life, health, safety and the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the charge of this legislative body to ensure the safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, this municipal government regulates who may possess a firearm within the City limits of Chicago, pursuant Section 8-20-030 (p); and

WHEREAS, retired peace officers have been trained through the course of their former employment to register their handguns, and to properly care for them; and

WHEREAS, it is well within the purview of this Council to further regulate the possession and registration of firearms in our City; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION I. Section 8-20-050 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored as follows:

8-20-050 Unregisterable firearms.

No registration certificate shall be issued for any of the following types of firearms:

- (a) Sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, or short- barreled rifle;
- (b) Firearms other than handguns, owned or possessed by any person in the City of Chicago prior to the effective date of this chapter which are not validly registered prior to the effective date of this chapter;
- (c) Handguns, except:
 - (1) Those validly registered to a current owner in the City of Chicago prior to the effective date of this chapter, and which contain each of the following:
 - (i) A safety mechanism to hinder the use of the handgun by unauthorized users. Such devices shall include, but shall not be limited to, trigger locks, combination handle locks, and solenoid use-limitation devices; and

(ii) A load indicator device that provides reasonable warning to potential users such that even users unfamiliar with the weapon would be forewarned and would understand the nature of the warning;

(2) Those owned by peace officers, or retired peace officers who are in compliance with the federal "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004", who are residents of the City of Chicago,

(3) Those owned by security personnel,

(4) Those owned by private detective agencies licensed under Chapter 111.2601, et seq., Illinois Revised Statutes;

(d) Firearm muffler or silencer;

(e) Assault weapons, as defined in Section 8-20-030, unless they are owned by a person who is entitled to own them under Section 8-24-025.

Any person who receives through inheritance any firearm validly registered pursuant to this chapter will be eligible to reregister such firearm within 60 days after obtaining possession or title, provided such person shall be qualified to do so in accordance with this chapter.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 120 days after passage and publication.

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