



TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 22

A TELLER COUNTY ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CARRY FIREARMS IN SENSITIVE SPACES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SB 24-131.

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-11-103, the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado (hereinafter the “Board”), has the authority to exercise all County powers for the unincorporated areas of Teller County; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2024, the Colorado legislature approved the adoption of SB 24-131, *Prohibiting Carrying a Firearm in Sensitive Spaces Recognized by the United States Supreme Court as Places at Which Longstanding Laws Prohibited Carrying Firearms*, which describes certain sensitive spaces at which the state can regulate carrying firearms; and

WHEREAS, SB 24-131 expressly permits a local government to enact an ordinance, regulation, or other law that permits a person to carry a firearm in local government places, described in C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(1)(b); and

WHEREAS, Teller County, a local government and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, exercises its authority through this Ordinance to permit persons not otherwise prohibited from owning or carrying firearms to carry such firearms on the property or within any building listed in C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(b)(I-III), including the places in Teller County listed in this Ordinance;

WHEREAS, carrying a firearm in a Teller County “courthouse or any other building or portion of a building used for court proceedings” remains prohibited, except for law enforcement or security personnel for a courthouse or other building used for court proceedings, pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(2)(a)-(e); and

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-11-101(2) to adopt and enforce ordinances and resolutions regarding health, safety and welfare issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Teller, State of Colorado, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens and residents of Teller County, Colorado; to maintain fundamental constitutional rights and liberty; and to maintain the Second Amendment rights of Teller County citizens after passage of SB 24-131 by the



Colorado legislature.

Section 2. Definitions.

- 2.1 Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, any terms used herein shall have the same meanings and definitions as provided in C.R.S. § 18-1-901 and SB 24-131.
- 2.2 “Firearm” means any handgun, automatic, revolver, pistol, rifle, shotgun, or other instrument or device capable or intended to be capable of discharging bullets, cartridges, or other explosive charges.

Section 3. Applicability.

This Ordinance shall apply throughout Teller County, including County buildings which may be deemed “sensitive spaces” as defined by SB 24-131. This Ordinance shall in no way limit application and enforcement of any statutes of the State of Colorado but shall be in addition thereto.

Section 4. Permission to carry firearms in the following places in Teller County.

The Board of County Commissioners permits persons who are not otherwise prohibited from owning or carrying firearms to carry firearms on the property or within any building listed in C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(b)(I-III), including the following places in Teller County and including the adjacent parking areas:

- (I) the Centennial Building at 112 North A Street in Cripple Creek, Colorado, including the Teller County Board of County Commissioners’ meeting room, the offices of the County Commissioners, and the office of the County Administrator; and
- (II) the Teller County Board of County Commissioners’ meeting room and the office of the County Administrator at 800 Research Drive, Suites 230 and 224, Tamarac Business Center, Woodland Park; Colorado, and any posted location for a meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners; and
- (III) the official offices of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator.

Section 5. Prohibition on carrying a firearm in the Teller County courthouse.

Carrying a firearm in the Teller County “courthouse or any other building or portion of a building used for court proceedings” remains prohibited, except for law



enforcement or security personnel for a courthouse or other building used for court proceedings, pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(2)(a)-(e).

Section 6. Severability.

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 7. Interpretation.

This Ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to maintain as status quo the ability to carry firearms which existed prior to the passage and adoption of SB 24-131 within the unincorporated areas of Teller County, Colorado.

Section 8. Safety Clause

The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Teller County, Colorado. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-405, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption on the second and final reading.

Section 9. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption on the second and final reading and shall remain in effect until such time as this Ordinance is amended, suspended, or repealed.

Section 10. Certification.

The Teller County Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall have on file copies of this Ordinance available for inspection by the public during normal working hours.



INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING on May 24, 2024, and ordered published in full in the Pikes Peak Courier.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF TELLER, COLORADO

By: Bob Campbell
Bob Campbell, Chair

ATTEST:

By: Stephanie Kees
Stephanie Kees, Clerk to the Board

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, on June 18, 2024, and ordered published in full in the Pikes Peak Courier.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-405, this Ordinance No. 22 shall take effect immediately upon adoption on the second and final reading on June 18, 2024.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF TELLER, COLORADO

By: Bob Campbell
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ATTEST:

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CERTIFICATION

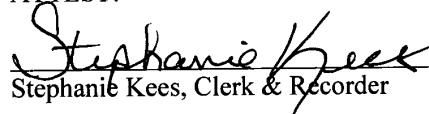
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 22 was introduced, read, and adopted on first reading at a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Teller on May 24, 2024, and the same was published in full in the Pikes Peak Courier, a newspaper of general circulation published in Teller County, on June 6, and June 12, 2024.

Thereafter, this Ordinance No. 22 was adopted on second and final reading at a regular public hearing of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Teller on June 18, 2024.

Ordinance No. 22 became effective as of June 18, 2024.

This is a true, correct, and complete copy from the records in my office, that Ordinance No. 22 was duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County and is in full force and effect.

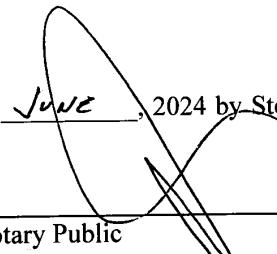
ATTEST:


Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

State of Colorado)
) ss.
County of Teller)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 2024 by Stephanie Kees, as
the Teller County Clerk & Recorder.

May 19, 2028
My Commission Expires


Notary Public

