



PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, Second District

August 4, 2015

The Honorable Mitchell Englander
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St. Room 405
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Safe Storage of Handguns (CF #14-1553)

Dear Chairperson Englander:

As the author of the safe storage of handguns motion, I respectfully request that the ordinance on file, dated June 18, 2015, be replaced with the ordinance attached hereto.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: The Honorable Nury Martinez
The Honorable Joe Buscaino
The Honorable Mike Bonin
The Honorable Mitch O'Farrell

Date: Aug 4, 2015
Submitted in PS Committee
Council File No: 14-1553
Item No.: 18
Deputy: Councilmember Krekorian

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Section 55.21 is added to Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 55.21. SAFE STORAGE OF HANDGUNS.

(a) Definitions.

1. "**Residence**" shall mean any structure intended or used for human habitation, including, but not limited to, houses, condominiums, rooms, in-law units, motels, hotels, single room occupancies, time-shares, recreational and other vehicles where human habitation occurs.
2. "**Locked Container**" shall mean a secure container which is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, key lock, combination lock or similar locking device.
3. "**Handgun**" shall mean any pistol, revolver or other firearm that is capable of being concealed upon the person, designed to be used as a weapon, capable of expelling a projectile by the force of any explosion or other form of combustion and has a barrel less than 16 inches in length.
4. "**Trigger Lock**" shall mean a trigger lock that is listed in the California Department of Justice's list of approved firearm safety devices and that is identified as appropriate for that handgun by reference to either the manufacturer and model of the handgun or to the physical characteristics of the handgun that match those listed on the roster for use with the device under Penal Code Section 23655(d).

(b) Prohibition. No person shall keep a handgun within a residence unless the handgun is:

1. stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock that has been approved by the California Department of Justice; or
2. carried on the person of the owner of the handgun; or
3. within close enough proximity that the owner can readily retrieve and use the handgun as if carried on the person.

(c) Penalty. Every violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months, or by both.

(d) Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance which can be implemented without the invalid provisions, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each provision thereof irrespective of whether any one or more provisions are found invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable.