

MOTION

As 3D printing technology rapidly evolves and becomes more commonplace in our society, there is a growing threat that anyone with access to a 3D printer can create their own firearm. These firearms would be unregistered, untraceable, and unregulated by government agencies.

Under the Undetectable Firearms Act, signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, it is illegal for anyone to manufacture, possess, sell, or distribute a firearm of any kind if it can't be detected by a metal detector. This makes all 3D printed firearms illegal as they are made of plastic material.

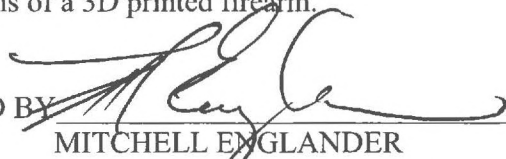
In 2016, California passed a law requiring individuals who make 3D printed firearms to apply for a serial number from the Department of Justice as well as legislation mandating that 3D printed firearms contain a piece of stainless steel, which essentially would allow 3D printed firearms to comply with the federal Undetectable Firearms Act.

In an effort to comply with this law, many blueprints of 3D firearms contain detailed instructions on how to add a metal piece as part of the design, which enables the weapon to be in compliance with Federal law. However, this law does not stipulate which parts of the firearm must be metal, and so it could simply be a non-essential component that, once removed, would leave the firearm operable and undetectable by metal detectors. Because of this adaptation, these laws are not effective in curtailing the manufacturing of 3D printed firearms. This simple workaround enables the firearm to be in compliance with the federal and state law, but is still undoubtedly a danger to the public by being able to easily evade metal detection and maintain the firearm's operational ability.

On Tuesday, July 31st a federal judge placed a temporary block on a settlement reached in June between a gun rights organization, and the federal government that made it legal to post blueprints for 3D printable firearms online. Unfortunately it is estimated that hundreds of thousands of 3D firearm blueprints have already been downloaded from the internet. Blueprints of 3D printed firearms can be utilized by anyone to produce their own firearm and would allow individuals who might otherwise fail a background check, like a convicted felon, to possess a gun. Given the ineffectiveness of current regulations and the existence of countless blueprints for 3D printable firearms already online, the City of Los Angeles must take the steps necessary in order to effectively prohibit and/or regulate 3D printed firearms in the City. The City should establish an ordinance which prohibits and/or regulates the possession and use of both the 3D printed firearms as well as the blueprints that contain the instructions for said firearms.

I THERFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, prepare and present an ordinance that will enable the City of Los Angeles to prohibit and/or regulate the printing, manufacturing, possession, distribution, sale or transfer of 3D printed firearms of any kind as well as the blueprints detailing the specifications of a 3D printed firearm.

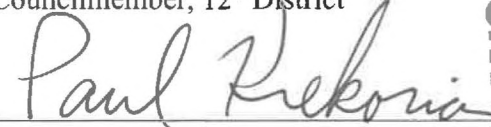
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