

549.16 REVOCATION OF FIREARMS DEALER'S LICENSE.

(a) When any licensed firearms dealer has been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, the Chief of Police shall revoke the license of such firearms dealer. A certified copy of the order of revocation shall be sent forthwith to the firearms dealer, who may appeal such order of revocation to the Mayor within ten days from the receipt of the order. The Mayor shall conduct a hearing upon the appeal within ten days from the receipt of a notice of appeal in writing from such order of revocation.

(b) No firearms dealer whose license has been revoked pursuant to this section shall engage in business as a firearms dealer in this City for a period of five years from the effective date of such revocation.

(c) No firearms dealer shall employ, or enter into any partnership or corporation with any person, firm or corporation, whose firearms dealer's license has been revoked pursuant to the provisions of this section. (Ord. 3-1974. Passed 1-14-74; Ord. 61-1985. Passed 5-28-85.)

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

549.17 STOLEN OR LOST FIREARMS; REPORT.

(a) Whenever any firearm is stolen or lost, the person losing possession thereof shall, immediately upon discovery of such theft or loss, make a report thereof to the Chief of Police showing the following:

- (1) Name and address of the person owning or having possession of such firearm;
- (2) Kind of firearm;
- (3) Serial number;
- (4) Model;
- (5) Caliber;
- (6) Manufacturer of firearm;
- (7) Date and place of theft or loss;
- (8) A complete statement of the facts and circumstances surrounding such theft or loss. (Ord. 3-1974. Passed 1-14-74.)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

549.18 POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN STREETS, ALLEYS, PUBLIC PLACES, ETC.

(a) No person, in and about the streets, alleys, public places of the City, or at any place other than the residence or fixed place of business of such person, or while on a suitable firing range or while being used for lawful hunting, or while unloaded at a public firearms display, show or exhibition shall be in possession of, carry, or have on or about his person, any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or any weapon by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of expanding gases, or any bowie knife, dirk, blackjack, billyclub, brass knuckles or any other weapon capable of inflicting bodily harm. (Ord. 3-1974. Passed 1-14-74.)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

549.19 EXCEPTIONS; INTENT.

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to officers or agents of any state or of the United States, or any political subdivision, division or agency of either, members of the organized militia of any state or the armed forces of the United States, or law enforcement officers of any political subdivision to the extent that the official duties of any such person require him to carry, be in possession of, or have on or about his person any such firearm or weapon, nor to a person whose terms of employment require him to carry, possess or have on or about his person during the hours of his employment such firearm or weapon; nor to the members of a color guard, military unit or marching unit, while such color guard, military unit, or marching unit is participating in a duly authorized parade, athletic event, funeral, or while so participating in other civic events and functions in which the flag of the United States is displayed, provided that any firearms borne by members of any such color guard, military unit or marching unit while so participating in such events shall at all times remain unloaded.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit, restrict or modify the legitimate use of firearms as provided by the laws of the United States, or of this State, nor shall it be construed to restrict, limit, prohibit or modify the conduct of legitimate business with manufacturers, wholesale dealers and retail dealers of firearms, licensed by the Federal government, or retail dealers of firearms licensed by the City, or with or by persons, firms or corporations engaged in the business of repairing, altering, assembling, cleaning, polishing, engraving or trueing or who perform any mechanical operation upon any firearm.
(Ord. 3-1974. Passed 1-14-74.)

549.20 POSSESSING REPLICIA FIREARM IN SCHOOL.

(a) No person shall knowingly possess an object in a school safety zone if both of the following apply:

- (1) The object is indistinguishable from a firearm, whether or not the object is capable of being fired.
- (2) The person indicates that the person possesses the object and that it is a firearm, or the person knowingly displays or brandishes the object and indicates that it is a firearm.

(b) Subsection (a) hereof does not apply to premises upon which home schooling is conducted. Subsection (a) hereof also does not apply to a school administrator, teacher, or employee who possesses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm for legitimate school purposes during the course of employment, a student who uses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm under the direction of a school administrator, teacher, or employee, or any other person who with the express prior approval of a school administrator possesses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm for a legitimate purpose, including the use of the object in a ceremonial activity, a play, reenactment, or other dramatic presentation, or a ROTC activity or another similar use of the object.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 2923.122, illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.