

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction.

ORDINANCE NO. 5865, July 22, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2024, during the Chiefs' Championship Parade, a shooting was perpetrated that resulted in one death and twenty-two gunshot injuries; and,

WHEREAS, two of the alleged perpetrators of this heinous shooting were juveniles under the age of majority; and,

WHEREAS, the threat and reality of gun violence perpetrated by juvenile offenders is a growing and critical concern in Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Jackson County Legislature to ensure the safety and security of all of Jackson County citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to create a new section in Chapter 55 regarding possession of firearms and age restriction; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Enacting Clause.

Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

5577. Firearms and Age Restriction.

Possession of pistol or semiautomatic assault rifle by persons aged 18 to 21 years old.

(1) A person under twenty-one years of age may not purchase a pistol or semiautomatic assault rifle, and except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person may sell or transfer a semiautomatic assault rifle to a person under twenty-one years of age.

(2) A person less than twenty-one years of age, may possess a pistol only:

- (a) In the person's place of abode;
- (b) At the person's fixed place of business; or
- (c) On real property under his or her control.

(3) A person at least eighteen years of age, but less than twenty-one years of age, may possess a semiautomatic assault rifle only if they are:

- (a) In attendance at a firearms safety course;
- (b) Engaging in practice in the use of a firearm or target shooting at an established range authorized by the governing body of the jurisdiction in which such range is located or any other area where the discharge of a firearm is not prohibited;
- (c) On real property under the control of his or her parent, other relative, or legal guardian and who has the permission of the parent or legal guardian to possess a firearm;
- (d) Is a member of law enforcement, the armed forces of the United States, national guard, or organized reserves, when on duty.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Jul 18, 2024 10:22 CDT)
County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 5865 introduced on July 22, 2024, was duly passed on _____, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____ Nays _____
Abstaining _____ Absent _____

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5865.

Date

Frank White, Jr., County Executive