

**In Section 1 of the ordinance, strike new section 10.75.030 (Possession of Firearms), and insert the following in its place:**

**10.75.030 Possession of Firearms**

- A. It is unlawful for any person to enter any public assembly venue operated by the city or other municipal or public corporation when the person knowingly possesses or knowingly has under the person's control a weapon as defined in RCW 70.74.010 or listed in RCW 9.41.250 except to the extent entry is necessary to secure the weapon pursuant to subsection C below.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly open carry a firearm or other weapon, as defined in RCW 9.41.010, any public building used in connection with meetings of the governing body of the City of Spokane. For purposes of this section, "governing body" shall have the same meaning as in RCW 42.30.020, and includes, without limitation, the Spokane City Council, or other policy or rule making body of the City of Spokane, or any committee thereof when the committee, board, or commission acts on behalf of the governing body, conducts hearings, or takes testimony or public comment.
- C. In every city owned building for which firearms are banned under this section 10.75.030 or by state law, the City shall provide a stationary locked box sufficient in size for pistols (and a key to the weapon owner for weapon storage), or shall designate an official to receive weapons for safekeeping, during the owner's visit to restricted areas of the building and/or for use by city employees while working in the building. The locked box or designated official shall be located within the same building attempting to be accessed by the individual member of the public or city employee. The local legislative authority shall be liable for any damage to or loss of a weapon suffered by the owner and arising from the City's negligence in connection with the authorized placement and storage of a weapon in a locked box or left with an official.
- D. It shall be a defense to a violation of this section if there are no posted signs at areas of ingress and egress to public buildings that provide notice of the restrictions on possession and open carry of firearms and other weapons at locations specified in this section.
- E. Nothing in this section shall apply to the lawful concealed carry of a firearm by a person who has a valid concealed pistol license.
- F. A person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor on the first offense. Second and subsequent violations of this section shall constitute a gross misdemeanor.
- G. This section 10.75.040 shall not apply to:

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1. The possession of any concealed pistol by a person licensed under RCW 9.41.070.
2. Individuals exempt from the firearms restrictions under RCW 9.41.060 (1) through (3), as amended from time to time.
3. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or personnel, or to members of the armed forces of the United States or the state of Washington, when such individuals are carrying a firearm or other weapon in conformance with their employing agency's policy, or when carrying a firearm or other weapon in the fulfillment of official duties or traveling to or from official duty.

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Council members and clerks:

Attached is a proposed amendment to Ordinance C36534, which is up for first reading on Monday. This amendment, proposed by CM Cathcart, adds language to the new section SMC 10.75.030 that requires an option for storage or safekeeping of weapons in public buildings. It essentially mirrors the language in RCW 9.41.300 (1)(b), which requires local jurisdictions to provide an option for storage or safekeeping when entering a public building.



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