



# **Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda**

## **City of Newton** **In City Council**

**Thursday, June 15, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM. To view this meeting using Zoom, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86384512291> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: **863 8451 2291**

### **Items Scheduled for Discussion:**

- #158-21**      **Requesting a discussion with the Police about gun regulations**  
COUNCILORS DANBERG AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Police about gun regulations in Newton in order to explain the City's gun laws so that the Council and public can understand them.
- #197-21**      **Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees**  
**Request for Ordinance Amendment to prohibit firearms within any public building**  
COUNCILORS NORTON, GENTILE, KALIS, DANBERG, LAREDO, HUMPHREY, MALAKIE, GREENBERG, KRINTZMAN, DOWNS, LUCAS, BOWMAN, CROSSLEY, OLIVER, MARKIEWICZ, NOEL, WRIGHT, LIPOF AND GROSSMAN requesting amendments to the City of Newton Ordinances to prohibit the carrying of firearms in any building owned and under the control of the City of Newton. This ordinance shall not apply to law enforcement officers and/or any building owned by the City and operated as public housing. The proposed ordinance includes amendments to Chapter 17 Sec. 22-23 to include a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 40, section 21D.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Andrae Downs, Chair**

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Draft Ordinance for Docket Item # 197-21

Firearms Prohibited on City Property

1. It shall be prohibited for any person to carry a firearm on their person, loaded or unloaded:
  - a) within a building owned by and under the control of the City of Newton;
  - b) in a park, recreation area or recreation facility owned by and under the control of the City of Newton or its agents;
  - c) on any public street, sidewalk or public way closed pursuant to a permit for block parties, street festivals or other neighborhood function under these Ordinances, during the duration of the permitted closure of the street, sidewalk or public way.
2. This ordinance shall not apply to sworn law enforcement officers.
3. This ordinance shall not apply to any building owned by the City and operated as public housing.
4. Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per day. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Where non-criminal disposition of this section by civil fine has been provided for in sections 17-22 and 17-23 of these revised Ordinances, as amended, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 40, section 21D, said violation may be enforced in the manner provided in such statute. The civil penalty for each such violation is set forth in section 17-23(d).