

ORDINANCE NO. 06 - 20

By: Jen Robinson

An Ordinance repealing 672.06, License or Permit to Purchase and Sell Firearms

WHEREAS, ordinance 04-47, creating Bexley Code section 672.06 and designed to regulate the sale of certain types of concealable firearms and other weapons, was passed in 1947 and hasn't been enforced in Bexley's modern history; and

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 228 was passed in in 2019, further restricting the rights of Ohio cities to enhance the health and safety of our communities, by disallowing common-sense firearm controls at the local level; and

WHEREAS, Bexley City Council, via Resolution 17-17, opposed action from the Ohio statehouse that would further the proliferation of firearms into our private businesses and public and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is actively challenging the constitutionality of House Bill 228, with Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein stating "In this era of heightened gun violence and mass shootings, we cannot allow the state to strip cities of our authority to pass laws that best serve the needs of our residents"; and

WHEREAS, Bexley Council acknowledges that while, upon review of 672.06, it is not an effective vehicle for firearm regulation in a modern context, nonetheless it is a symbol of the rights that cities in Ohio formerly had in regulating the safety of our home environments, which rights have been further eroded by House Bill 228; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Bexley has publicly called for universal background checks and common-sense gun legislation to provide greater protections to innocent civilians while also respecting the second amendment rights of our citizens; and

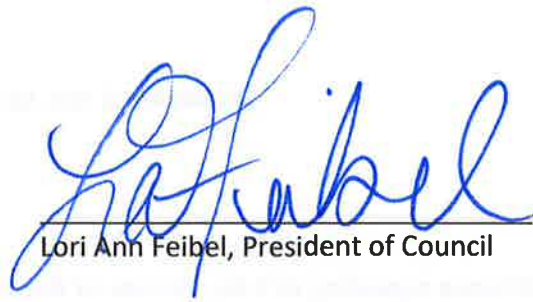
WHEREAS, Bexley City Council reaffirms our commitment to advocating for expanded gun controls at the state and federal levels, and for the reinstatement of Bexley's constitutional rights to self regulation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bexley, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. That Section 672.06 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed February 25, 2020



Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council

Attest: Bill Harvey
Bill Harvey, Clerk of Council

Approved: February 25, 2020



Ben Kessler, Mayor

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