

AN ORDINANCE 79998

ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC CONSUMER GUN SHOWS; AND EXEMPTING SPORT, OUTDOOR TRADE, AND ANTIQUE SHOWS.

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Whereas, gang violence has become a common occurrence in our community and the City Council does not wish to convey the idea to the youth of our city that the City of San Antonio approves or condones the deadly use of firearms; and

Whereas, the San Antonio Police Department confirms that gun shows are a source of weapons for gang members; and

Whereas, firearms and ammunition are readily accessible to the public; and

Whereas, legally purchased weapons often find their way into the possession of proscribed individuals; and

Whereas, violent crime is increasing in our community and most violent crime involves the use of firearms; and

Whereas, the City Council strongly opposes the use and availability of firearms for criminal purposes; and

Whereas, the City Council wishes to prevent violent crime; and

Whereas, the Texas Legislature restricts municipalities from regulating the sale, transfer, possession, licensing or registration of firearms, ammunition, or firearm supplies; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that firearms are dangerous and deadly; and

Whereas, even a small fire at a location where ammunition and gun powder are kept would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to control; and

Whereas, the City Council fears that the presence of firearms and ammunition on City premises may create an unreasonably dangerous condition that would expose the City to liability and damages;  
**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That City-owned facilities shall not be used for the purpose of staging public consumer gun shows. The City Manager

and city staff are directed to cease booking events that are open to the public and are primarily devoted to the display and sale of weapons, ammunition, and firearm or military paraphernalia.

**SECTION 2.** That this ordinance does not apply to sport, outdoor trade, or antique shows, which may, incidentally, include the display of, but do not include the over-the-counter sale of, weapons or ammunition.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days from the date of passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1994.

*Nelson W. Wolff*

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ATTEST:

*Thomas S. Rodriguez*  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Tom Friday*  
CITY ATTORNEY

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Jo Ban

*GUN SHOWS  
IN  
CITY FACILITIES*

ITEM NO. 40  
DATE: APR 14 1994

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
AVIATION
BUILDING INSPECTIONS
BUILDING INSPECTIONS-HOUSE NUMBERING
1 CITY ATTORNEY
MUNICIPAL COURT
REAL ESTATE (FASSNIDGE)
REAL ESTATE (WOOD)
REAL ESTATE (HUBBARD)
TRIAL SECTION
CITY MANAGER
TRAVIS BISHOP, ASST. TO CITY MGR.
CODE COMPLIANCE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
YOUTH INITIATIVES
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE-GENERAL MANAGER
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE-MAPS & RECORDS
COMMERCIAL RECORDER (PUBLISH)
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
1 CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
1 CONVENTION FACILITIES
DOME DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE DIRECTOR
ASSESSOR
CONTROLLER
GRANTS
RISK MANAGEMENT
TREASURY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION SERVICES
INTERNAL REVIEW
LIBRARY
1 MANAGEMENT SERVICES (BUDGET)
1 MANAGEMENT SERVICES (PERSONNEL)
MARKET SQUARE
METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
MUNICIPAL COURTS
1 PARKS & RECREATION
PLANNING
DISABILITY ACCESS OFFICE
LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT-GROUND TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
PUBLIC UTILITIES
PUBLIC WORKS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
CENTRAL MAPPING
ENGINEERING
PARKING DIVISION
REAL ESTATE (BILL TOUDOUZE)
SOLID WASTE
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES
SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM (SAWS)
1 MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION (PUBLISH)

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY: Bill Burke SECONDED BY: Ayala

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ORD. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ZONING CASE \_\_\_\_\_

RESOL. \_\_\_\_\_ PETITION \_\_\_\_\_

	ROLLCALL	AYE	NAY
ROGER PEREZ DISTRICT 1			X
RUTH MC-CLENDON DISTRICT 2		✓	
LYNDA BILLA BURKE DISTRICT 3		✓	
HENRY AVILA DISTRICT 4			X
JUAN F. SOLIS III DISTRICT 5		✓	
HELEN AYALA DISTRICT 6		✓	
BOB ROSS DISTRICT 7		✓	
BILL THORNTON DISTRICT 8		✓	
HOWARD PEAK DISTRICT 9			X
LYLE LARSON DISTRICT 10			X
NELSON WOLFF MAYOR		✓	

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*DATE: 1/20*





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AGENDA ITEM  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET

TO: Councilmembers Burke, Larson, Ross

FROM: Councilman Howard W. Peak, District 9

COPIES: Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Gun Show Staff

SUBJECT: CITY FACILITIES GUN SHOW POLICIES

DATE: March 31, 1994

Listed below are the restrictions on gun shows in City facilities agreed upon at our last committee meeting. These restrictions are our committee's recommendations to the rest of the council as a City policy for rules which must be followed by gun shows in City-owned facilities. Staff will prepare the paperwork necessary to bring the formal policies to the council for a "B" Session briefing and "A" Session adoption:

1. All firearm sellers and traders must be licensed by the Federal government. An exception is made for those selling antique firearms.
2. San Antonio Police Department Security must be provided by the promoter and will be coordinated by the appropriate City staff.
3. The promoter will furnish an insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the appropriate coverage and formally indemnify the City of San Antonio against gun show related damages.
4. A minimum age limit of 21 years except that those under 21 years may be admitted when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
5. Merchandise at gun shows must be displayed in enclosed cases or must be secured by cable or other means to prevent theft.
6. No alcoholic beverages will be sold, possessed or consumed within gun shows.
7. The sale and display of merchandise and information related to the conversion of non-automatic weapons to automatic is prohibited.
8. Gunpowder stored within the gun show is limited to 50 pounds total as already restricted by State statute. Fire extinguishers must be provided where gun powder is stored.

9. The promoter will enforce a dress code which will prohibit known gang clothing or other potentially disruptive articles of clothing.
10. All vendors must display an "itenerate vendor" license which requires possession of a sales tax permit.
11. All weapons must be in a carrying case or within a special bag which which will be provided by the promoter.
12. All ammunition for sale or display must be in a sealed package; no loose ammunition will be permitted.
13. Loading weapons at gun shows is prohibited.
14. Promoters will make accommodations for and enforce the City's smoking ordinance.
15. Promoters will provide a floor plan for approval by City staff, to include not blocking exits or locking doors, and adhere to it.

Thank you for your efforts in preparing these recommended policies.

HWP/vm