



EDINA MINNESOTA

City Council Meeting Agenda

January 6, 2026, 6:00 PM

Edina City Hall, Council Chambers, 4801 W. 50th St.



Participate in the meeting:

Watch the meeting on cable TV or [YouTube.com/EdinaTV](https://www.youtube.com/EdinaTV).

Provide feedback during Community Comment by calling 312-535-8110. Enter access code 2634 150 6760. Password is 5454. Press *3 on your telephone keypad when you would like to get in the queue to speak. A staff member will unmute you when it is your turn to speak.

Accessibility Support:

The City of Edina wants all residents to be comfortable being part of the public process. If you need assistance in the way of hearing amplification, an interpreter, large-print documents or something else, please call 952-927-8861 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Meeting Topics

4.1. Proposed Firearm Safety and Safe Storage Ordinance

- A. Ordinance 2025-17: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 of the Edina City Code to Create a New Article XI Concerning Firearms**

5. Adjournment



Item Number: 4.1

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Scott Neal, City Manager

Item Title: Proposed Firearm Safety and Safe Storage Ordinance

Action Requested:

None; discussion only.

Information/Background:

The Edina City Council is considering a proposed Firearm Safety and Safe Storage Ordinance that would amend Chapter 22 of the City Code to create a new article regulating certain firearms and firearm components within the City. The proposed ordinance includes prohibitions related to assault weapons, large-capacity magazines, binary triggers, and ghost guns, as well as requirements intended to prevent negligent firearm storage.

Special Town Hall Meeting Format and Participation Guidelines:

The purpose of the Special Town Hall meeting is to provide an opportunity for community members to learn about the proposed ordinance, ask questions, and share feedback directly with the City Council. The meeting will follow a town hall-style format and will not include a formal presentation.

After calling the meeting to order, the Mayor will invite public input. Individuals who wish to speak are asked to complete a speaker registration card and provide it to staff before speaking. If there are many speakers representing differing viewpoints, the Mayor may alternate comments between groups.

The Council will first hear from individuals present in the room. If time allows, comments will also be accepted by phone. To provide a comment by phone, call 312-535-8110 and enter access code 2634 150 6760.

The City Council has been collecting feedback online at BetterTogetherEdina.org/firearm-safety and will close the online comment period on January 11, 2026. All feedback will be shared with the City Council, and residents are encouraged to participate in the manner that works best for them; there is no need to provide comments both online and at the meeting.

No action will be taken at the Special Town Hall Meeting.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with holding the Special Town Hall meeting or collecting public feedback. If the City Council chooses to move forward with adoption or implementation of the ordinance, staff would conduct a more comprehensive analysis of potential financial impacts. This could include enforcement considerations, staff capacity, legal review, communication needs, and any ongoing administrative or operational costs associated with

implementation.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The proposed ordinance relates to the City’s broader commitment to public safety, community well-being, and reliable service. It aligns with Council’s role in considering regulatory tools intended to protect residents and respond to emerging community concerns. Input gathered through this process will help inform whether and how the ordinance aligns with City priorities, legal authority, and community expectations before any further Council action is taken.



Reliable Service



Better Together

Values Impact:



Engagement

The proposed ordinance may generate heightened community interest and dialogue around public safety and individual responsibility. By creating structured opportunities for participation, the City aims to support respectful engagement and provide space for residents with differing perspectives to be heard.



Equity

Gun violence disproportionately impacts economically disadvantaged communities and communities of color. School shootings are continuing to increase, adding to gun violence as a leading cause of death among children.



Health

The proposed ordinance is being considered in the context of public health and safety, with a focus on reducing the risk of injury or harm related to firearms.

Supporting Documentation:

Documents marked with "Board Portal" do not meet [ADA Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(URL\)](#) and are not included in the public packet. To request a board portal document, please [submit a data request \(URL\)](#).

None



Ordinance 2025-17: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 of the Edina City Code to Create a New Article XI Concerning Firearms

The City of Edina Ordains:

Section I. Chapter 22 - MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES of the Edina City Code is amended to add the following new Article XI. - FIREARMS:

ARTICLE XI. - FIREARMS

Sec. 22-314. - Purpose.

The City Council finds that there is a public safety and welfare crisis resulting from gun violence in the City. The City finds that semi-automatic military-style assault weapons, ghost guns, large-capacity magazines, and binary triggers have not commonly been used for self-defense purposes, yet these firearms and firearm modifications inherently have a significantly higher capacity for causing damage, injury, and death compared to ordinary firearms used for lawful self-defense purposes. The City finds it necessary for the public safety and welfare to regulate such firearms and firearm modifications to mitigate the damage, injury, and death posed by use of such weapons for non-lawful purposes.

Sec. 22-315. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Assault weapon means a semiautomatic military-style assault weapon, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 624.712, subd. 7 and as listed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 624.712, subd. 8, as may be amended from time to time.

Binary trigger means a device, mechanism, component, or part designed, marketed, created, or assembled as part of a firearm to discharge one round of ammunition when the trigger is pulled and an additional round of ammunition when the trigger is released.

Firearm means a firearm, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 97A.015, subd. 19, as may be amended from time to time, but not including firearms collected as part of the licensed curation of relic firearms/curios per 27 C.F.R. 478.

Firearm component means any component or part that is designed, manufactured, created, printed, or assembled to form part of a firearm.

Ghost gun means any firearm or firearm component not marked with a serial number required under federal, state, or local law, whether manufactured, assembled, or constructed in whole or in part by any person. Ghost gun does not include any firearms manufactured prior to 1968, antique firearms as defined in Title 18, Section 921(a)(16) of the United States Code, or firearms incapable of discharging a shot by means of an explosive or otherwise incapable of being restored to a firing condition.

Large capacity magazine means any ammunition feeding device, whether accessory to a firearm or a firearm component, that has a capacity of more than twenty (20) rounds or is designed, marketed, created, or assembled to have a capacity of more than twenty (20) rounds. A large capacity magazine does not include a tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action firearm or a .22 caliber fixed tubular magazine.

Locking device means a firearm component, firearm accessory, or external device or mechanism that renders a firearm inaccessible, inoperable, or both. A locking device includes but is not limited to biometric locks, trigger locks, barrel locks, cylinder locks, gun vaults, locked cabinets, locked boxes, or any other locked container where a key is kept separate

from the container and not readily available to an unauthorized person.

Person means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

Unauthorized person means a person who is not the owner of the firearm, does not have permission from the owner of the firearm to possess the firearm, a person under the age of 18 years old, or a person who is otherwise prohibited under federal, state, or local law from possessing the firearm.

Sec. 22-316. - Prohibited Acts.

- a. *Possession.* No person shall possess an assault weapon, large capacity magazine, binary trigger, or ghost gun within the City.
- b. *Manufacturing.* No person shall manufacture, produce, assemble, or construct an assault weapon, large capacity magazine, binary trigger, or ghost gun within the City.
- c. *Sale or transfer.* No person shall sell, transfer, or import an assault weapon, large capacity magazine, binary trigger, or ghost gun within the City.
- d. *Negligent storage.* No person shall negligently store or leave a loaded or unloaded firearm unattended in a location where the person knows or reasonably should know that an unauthorized person is likely to gain access to the firearm. It shall not constitute negligent storage for a person to take reasonable steps to secure a firearm against unauthorized access with a locking device.

Sec. 22-317. - Exceptions.

The prohibitions in section 22-316 do not apply in the following circumstances:

- a. Active or reserve federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement officers, including members of the armed forces of the United States, National Guard, and reserves, where the officer or member is duly authorized to perform a prohibited act within the scope of their official duties;
- b. Persons transporting a prohibited firearm or firearm component through the City, provided that such firearm or firearm component is unloaded and in a locked container and the transport otherwise complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws;
- c. Persons transporting a prohibited firearm or firearm component to a law enforcement agency, military agency, federal firearms licensee, or other entity lawfully permitted to receive such firearms for disposal, sale, resale, or transfer occurring outside of the City and the transport otherwise complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and
- d. Persons actively using a prohibited firearm or firearm component for lawful self-defense purposes.

Sec. 22-318. - Penalties.

- a. Each day that a violation of section 22-317 continues is a misdemeanor offense subject to imprisonment for not more than 90 days, payment of a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both.
- b. Nothing in this section shall preclude the City from seeking injunctive or equitable relief in addition to or in lieu of criminal prosecution to prevent or abate violations of this Article.

Sec. 22-319. - Effective Dates

This Article shall not be effective or enforced until the date the City Council certifies by resolution that this Article is not preempted by state law.

Sec. 22-320. - Severability.

If any portion of this Article is held invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be severed and the remaining portions of this Article remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication, and passage of a resolution by the City Council certifying that this ordinance is not preempted by state law.

Summary for Publication:

Ordinance 2025-17 adds firearm regulations to Chapter 22 of the City Code to address public safety concerns. The ordinance prohibits the possession, manufacture, and sale of certain firearms and firearm accessories, including assault weapons, ghost guns, large-capacity magazines, and binary triggers, and requires firearms to be stored to prevent unauthorized access. Exceptions apply for law enforcement, lawful transport, disposal or transfer outside the City, and lawful self-defense. The ordinance will take effect only after the City Council certifies it is not preempted by state law.