



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**City Council Meeting**

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2024

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**Agenda Item:** Amended Ordinance 137.02, Carrying Concealed Weapons.

**Discussion:** Current Washington Ordinance 137.02, Carrying Concealed Weapons, does not mirror the intent of present State of Illinois Law. The attached revision of the Ordinance, prepared by City Attorneys, renders Ordinance 137.02 as compliant with State of Illinois law.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Action Requested:** City Council approval of revised Ordinance 1237.02, Carrying Concealed Weapons

## CHAPTER 137

### WEAPONS

<a href="#">137.01 Discharging weapons in city limits</a>	<a href="#">137.04 Slingshots or metallic knuckles</a>
<a href="#">137.02 Carrying concealed weapons; arrests and detention of persons</a>	<a href="#">137.05 Exceptions</a>
<a href="#">137.03 Selling weapons to minors prohibited</a>	<a href="#">137.99 Penalty</a>

#### § 137.01 DISCHARGING WEAPONS IN CITY LIMITS

- (A) No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol, or other firearm within the city, except on premises used by a duly licensed shooting gallery, gun club, or rifle club.
- (B) No person shall be permitted to fire or discharge upon any public way within the city any air gun, spring gun, or other similar device which is calculated or intended to propel or project a bullet, arrow, or similar projectile; however, nothing in this chapter shall prevent the use of such weapons in shooting galleries or in any private grounds or residence, where the projectile fired or discharged from any such gun or device will not traverse any space used as a public way.

Penalty, see § 137.99

#### REVEAL § 137.02 CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS; ARRESTS AND DETENTION OF PERSONS

- (A) No person within the city shall carry or wear under his clothes or concealed about his person, any pistol, revolver, derringer, Bowie knife, dirk, knife, razor, dagger, slingshot, metallic knuckles, or other dangerous or deadly weapons of a like character.
- (B) Any police officer of the city may, within the limits of the city, without warrant, arrest any person whom the police officer may find in the act of carrying or wearing under his clothes or concealed about his person, any deadly weapon of the character specified in this chapter, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon. Such a violator may be detained in custody until a summons or warrant can be procured or complaint made, under oath or affirmation for the trial of such person and for the seizure and confiscation of the weapons as the person may be found in the act of carrying or wearing under his clothes or concealed about his person.

Penalty, see § 137.99

#### § 137.03 SELLING WEAPONS TO MINORS PROHIBITED

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1. The above prohibitions do not apply to:

a. Any policeman or other law enforcement officer in possession of a weapon as authorized by law;

b. A properly concealed firearm in the possession of a person possessing a valid, current Concealed Carry License issued by the Department of State Police for concealed carry of a firearm as that term is defined in the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/5, provided that said person is not in an area where the carrying of a concealed firearm is prohibited by that Act, or by other State or Federal law.

(B) Any police officer of the city may, within the limits of the city, without warrant, arrest any person whom the police officer may find in the act of carrying or wearing under his clothes or concealed about his person, any deadly weapon of the character specified in this chapter, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon. Such a violator may be detained in custody until a summons or warrant can be procured or complaint made, under oath or affirmation for the trial of such person and for the seizure and confiscation of the weapons as the person may be found in the act of carrying or wearing under his clothes or concealed about his person.