

## ORDINANCE 1762

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 6 OF THE LEWISTOWN CITY CODE PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF UNCONCEALED FIREARMS AND KNIVES IN CITY BUILDINGS AND PARKS WITHIN THE CITY

**WHEREAS**, Montana Code Section 45-8-351 provides that, “for public safety purposes, a city or town may regulate the discharge of rifles, shotguns, and handguns. A county, city, town, consolidated local government, or other local government unit has power to prevent and suppress the carrying of concealed or unconcealed weapons to a public assembly, publicly owned building, park under its jurisdiction, or school, and the possession of firearms by convicted felons, adjudicated mental incompetents, illegal aliens, and minors.”

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that in the interest of public safety, some restriction on the carrying of unconcealed firearms and knives within City buildings and parks is necessary.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Commission of the City of Lewistown, Montana, that Title 6, Chapter 6, of the Lewistown City Code be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

**New Section 6-6-4 is enacted to read as follows:**

**6-6-4: UNCONCEALED WEAPONS PROHIBITED:**

- A. The carrying of an unconcealed firearm, or knife having a blade in excess of four inches to, in, or at any municipal building or city park, within the city limits is hereby prohibited.
- B. Exceptions are as otherwise provided by MCA 45-8-351(2)(b) which allows for display of firearms at shows, other public occasions by collectors and others, and MCA 45-8-317 which states what persons are allowed to carry weapons, such as law enforcement, national guard and persons with a permit; and as such statutes may hereafter be amended.

Passed and approved on the first reading, such date being May \_\_\_\_\_,  
2019.

Passed and approved on the second reading, such date being June \_\_\_\_\_,  
2019, and effective thirty (30) days thereafter.

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Patty Turk  
Chair of the Commission

Attest:

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NIKKI BRUMMOND  
City Clerk