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A Resolution Relating to Weapons

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has determined that the Second Amendment to the Constitution permits the possession of handguns in a home for self-protection; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Evanston has heretofore banned possession of handguns in a manner which has now been held to be unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to conform with the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to amend the Ordinances of the City relating to weapons in a manner to conform with the decision of the United States Supreme Court and to strengthen its provisions against the unlawful use of firearms in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston is now a defendant in a lawsuit brought by the National Rifle Association and certain citizens challenging the provisions of the City Ordinance prohibiting the possession of handguns within the City,

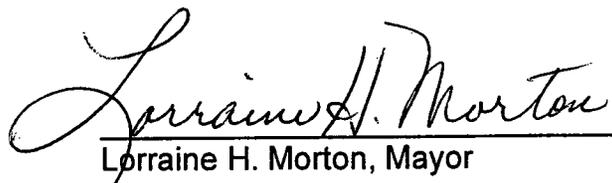
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That the Corporation Counsel and the Law Department are hereby directed to prepare amendments to Title 9, Chapter 8 of the City Code to conform said chapter to the decision of the United States Supreme Court and to further

strengthen Title 9, Chapter 8 relating to "weapons" in a manner to further protect the citizens of the City of Evanston against unlawful use of weapons.

SECTION TWO: That the Corporation Counsel is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to terminate the pending litigation against the City by advising the plaintiffs and the Court of the Council's intent to amend the City Code to conform with the decision of the United States Supreme Court.

SECTION THREE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

Attest:



Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: July 14, 2008