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MAYOR EMANUEL PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO SHOOTING RANGE ORDINANCE

*Changes Address Zoning and Regulatory Provisions,
Provide Waivers for CPD Firearm Training*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced a series of amendments that address regulatory and zoning provisions in the City's shooting gun range ordinance, first approved in 2011.

"Properly regulating the location and operations shooting ranges will help ensure public safety and protect the residents of Chicago," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "These amendments will require that shooting ranges operate within acceptable noise limits, are located a safe distance away from residential zones, schools, churches and day care centers, and safely and securely store firearms and ammunition left on site."

The proposed amendments regarding the licensing of shooting range facilities would:

- Amend the definition of "applicant" to delete certain persons who are not controlling persons of the applicant, e.g. attorney, accountant, consultant, etc.
- Permit shooting range licensees to provide registered firearms to patrons, and allow shooting range patrons to provide another patron with a firearm in compliance with the provisions of the chapter.
- Permit repairs of firearms on site.
- Allow patrons to store a firearm and ammunition separately and in a secure area equipped with automatic sprinklers.

The proposed amendments also update regulations related to the possession and registration of firearms, including:



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- Allowing the shooting range business to register a firearm in the name of the business once every three years.
- Authorizing the shooting range licensee to provide a firearm to a patron that possesses a valid CFP or is taking the range training course for a Chicago Firearms Permit (CFP).
- Permitting a shooting range patron to provide another patron with his firearm if both patrons have a CFP, or are otherwise exempt from CFP (e.g. police officers).

The proposed amendments to the shooting range ordinance also make the acceptable noise levels consistent with other noise limitations in the code, as well as require that small arms ammunition be stored in a separate area that is secure and equipped with automatic sprinklers.

Finally, the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code would:

- Move the location restrictions for shooting ranges from the licensing chapter to the Zoning Code, where it properly belongs.
- Retain the 500 foot restrictions from residential zones, churches, schools, day cares and liquor stores, but reduce the restriction to 100 feet from another shooting range.

Additionally, the proposed amendments would add a new section which authorizes the Police Superintendent to waive the CFP requirement an expert in firearm training who lives out-of-state when the person is providing training to the CPD, and waives certain provisions in the code relating to the possession of and discharge of firearms for experts providing training to the CPD.

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