

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 174  
AND 178 WHICH SEEK TO DIMINISH OR  
ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS ON THE  
CONCEALED CARRY OF DEADLY WEAPONS  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, current law permits legally qualified Ohio residents to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun upon showing proof of competency certification, attesting to having read Ohio's Concealed Carry Laws manual, submitting fingerprints to their County Sheriff, and passing a federal NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) check; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2019, House Bill 174 (H.B. 174) was introduced and on March 29, 2019, House Bill 178 (H.B. 178) was introduced either of which, if passed and signed into law, would eliminate existing concealed carry license and training requirements, would rename a "Concealed Handgun License" to a "Concealed Weapons License," would expand Ohio firearms laws to cover concealed handguns, firearms, and other deadly weapons, including rifles and shotguns, would eliminate the requirement that the driver or occupant of a motor vehicle which is stopped by law enforcement to notify the officer that the individual has a concealed weapons license and is carrying a loaded handgun, would prohibit law enforcement officials from the search, seizure or monetary detention of any person because that person is carrying a deadly weapon, and would diminish the authority of employers to regulate the storage of a firearm or ammunition in an employee's personal vehicle by allowing employees, with or without a concealed weapons license, to transport or store a deadly weapon in a locked compartment of a personal vehicle while on the employer's property; and,

WHEREAS, the public safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Lorain and of the State of Ohio is jeopardized when officers, in the course of their law enforcement duties, are unable to identify who may be in possession of a deadly weapon including a loaded firearm; and,

WHEREAS, the public safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Lorain and of the State of Ohio is jeopardized when a deadly weapon is at the ready or in the hands of persons who have had no training in the use or misuse of said weapons; and,

WHEREAS, the authorization of the possession and concealed carry of deadly weapons by untrained and unlicensed individuals will do nothing to protect our children, our schools or the citizens of the City of Lorain and the State of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence, Moms Demand Action, Fraternal Order of Police, many local leaders, law enforcement and state lawmakers oppose a law which permits concealed firearm carry without license, training or police notification; and,

WHEREAS, local communities have an obligation to protect the peace, health, and safety of their residents pursuant to the Home Rule Authority contained in the Ohio Constitution; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO**

SECTION I. That Lorain City Council, on behalf of all the residents of the City of Lorain, hereby opposes the expansion of the statutory authority of persons to carry concealed a deadly weapon, changes to and the elimination of a license requirements attendant to the concealed carry of deadly weapons. The elimination of the requirement that a driver or occupant of a motor vehicle notify a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of law enforcement activity that the individual is in possession of a concealed handgun license and is carrying a loaded handgun.

SECTION II. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of the resolution to Governor Mike DeWine of the State of Ohio, to the Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives.

SECTION III. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of his resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 O.R.C.

SECTION III. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City by requiring support for a levy that will provide immediate medical services to those in need; therefore this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Council

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Mayor