

ORDINANCE NO. 180, 2024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING SECTION 17-1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
FORT COLLINS TO ADD DEFINITIONS OF “DEADLY WEAPON”
AND “FIREARM”

A. The purpose of the proposed City Code Section 1-17 amendment is to add additional definitions that pertain to various criminal code violations. This update is based on state statutory definitions and will help provide clarity and allow for a more fair and equitable application of the law in Municipal Court.

B. The current City Code does not define “deadly weapon” or “firearm”, although both “deadly weapon” and “firearm” are used in various places throughout the Code such as Assault contained in City Code Section 17-21 and Disorderly Conduct contained in City Code Section 17-124.

C. State statutes define both “deadly weapon” and “firearm”. The proposed Code amendment would adopt the state definition of “deadly weapon” and “firearm” and add those definitions to City Code Section 1-17.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-1 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to add definitions of “deadly weapon” and “firearm”, to read as follows:

Sec. 17-1. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

“Deadly weapon” shall mean:

- (1) A firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; or
- (2) A knife, bludgeon, or any other weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate, that, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is capable of producing death or serious bodily injury.

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“Firearm” shall mean any handgun, automatic, revolver, pistol, rifle, shotgun, or other instrument or device capable or intended to be capable of discharging bullets, cartridges, or other explosive charges.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on December 3, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on the December 17, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: December 27, 2024
Approving Attorney: Alyssa Bamonti