

Ordinance No. 178996 (C.F. #07-0461) requires firearms dealers to post a warning at their place of business of the dangers of possessing a firearm in the home, and to include the same warning on firearms bills of sale. This ordinance, which amends LAMC 103.314 (q) (1) and (2), went into effect on September 3, 2007.

On or around June 3, 2008, the Los Angeles Police Commission's Investigation Division conducted on-site inspections of the City's fifteen (15) businesses that are currently permitted to sell firearms in order to determine compliance with the ordinance. The audit found that "of the fifteen business locations, 2 or 13% were in total compliance, representing that the firearm warning was conspicuously posted within the premises and the warning was printed or stamped on [the] firearm bill of sale." Those businesses found to be out of compliance with the ordinance have been issued a written warning requiring compliance within 30 days of receipt of the written warning.

The Commanding officer of the Commission Investigation Division will conduct a follow-up inspection within 30 days of the initial inspections at all non-compliant locations to further determine compliance with LAMC Section 103.314 (q) (1) and (2). Failure to comply with the firearms warning ordinance could result in the Board of Police Commissioners taking action against a dealer's permit by not issuing a renewal permit.

For public safety purposes, it is important for the Council to be informed as to the City's firearms dealers compliance with this ordinance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Commission to present its follow-up inspection findings to the Public Safety Committee after all inspections are complete.

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