

ORDINANCE NO. 178996

An ordinance amending Section 103.314 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to: (1) redesignate subsection (q) as (r); (2) require firearms dealers to post a warning of the dangers of firearms in the home and to include this warning on firearm bills of sale; and (3) add a severability clause.

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics found that each year, thousands of children are injured or killed from unintentional gunshot wounds and a majority of parents store their firearms loaded or unlocked, substantially underestimating the risk of injury to their children; and

WHEREAS, according to the Brady Campaign, firearms kept in the home for self-protection are more often used against a family member or acquaintance than against an intruder in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, a Johns Hopkins University study found that in homes with guns, the homicide of a household member is almost three times more likely to occur than in homes without guns; and

WHEREAS, a University of Washington Department of Health Services study concluded that keeping a gun in the home locked, unloaded, storing ammunition locked, and in a separate location are each associated with a protective effect and suggest a feasible strategy to reduce gun-related injuries and fatalities in homes with children and teenagers where guns are stored.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The current Subsection (q) of Section 103.314 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is redesignated as Subsection (r).

Sec. 2. A new Subsection (q) of Section 103.314 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is added to read:

(q) **Warning Regarding Dangers of Firearms in the Home.** Within 30 days after the effective date of this subsection, the permittee shall do the following:

1. Post conspicuously within the premises the following warning in block letters not less than one inch in height:

WARNING: THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS DETERMINED THAT GUNS IN THE HOME ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE USED TO KILL OR INJURE A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER THAN TO PROTECT AGAINST AN ATTACKER. IT

IS SAFEST NOT TO KEEP A GUN IN THE HOME. IF A GUN IS KEPT IN THE HOME, IT SHOULD BE KEPT UNLOADED AND SECURELY LOCKED AND AMMUNITION SHOULD BE LOCKED SEPARATELY.

2. Provide all firearm purchasers with a bill of sale for the purchase of the firearm(s), which includes the warning language required in Subdivision 1 of this subsection.


Sec. 3. A new Subsection (s) is added to Section 103.314 to read:

(s) If any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which can be implemented without the invalid provisions, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the Council of the City of Los Angeles JUN 27 2007, and was passed at its meeting of JUL 06 2007.

FRANK T. MARTINEZ, City Clerk


By  Deputy

Approved _____

 Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By 
HEATHER AUBRY
Deputy City Attorney

Date 5/30/07

File No. 07-0461

DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, MARIA C. RICO, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. 178996 - Amending Section 103.314 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on **July 6, 2007**, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on **July 25, 2007** I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Hall of Records of the County of Los Angeles.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on **July 25, 2007** and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this **25th** day of **July 2007** at Los Angeles, California.


Maria C. Rico, Deputy City Clerk

Ordinance Effective Date: September 3, 2007

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