



Date: November 10, 2009
To: Members of the Public Safety Committee
From: William S. Blair, Acting Chief of Police
Subject: **AMMUNITION SALES RECORDS**

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CITY OF LONG BEACH
POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DISCUSSION

At the City Council meeting of July 17, 2007, Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal and Fifth District Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske requested that the City Council consider an ordinance that requires vendors/retailers selling any form of ammunition for a firearm to maintain records of the sales and specific information about the purchaser.

Following City Council discussion, the issue was referred to the Public Safety Committee and the Public Safety Advisory Commission for further review. Both groups, along with the Police Department, were in agreement for the development of a City Ordinance concerning ammunition sales records.

On October 11, 2009, the Governor signed into legislation Assembly Bill 962. This bill replicates the proposed Municipal code ordinance. With the enactment of AB 962, all ammunition vendors will be required to comply with this regulation per state law.

With the passing of AB 962, mail order purchasing of ammunition will become illegal in the State of California. Only face-to-face transactions will be legal and the vendor must collect the following information at the time of each ammunition sale:

- Date of Transaction
- Name, address and date of birth of the purchaser
- Driver's License or other identification number
- Brand and type of ammunition purchased
- Purchaser's signature
- Name of the sales person who processed the transaction
- Thumbprint of the purchaser

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

There are no timing considerations associated with this issue. AB 962 will become enforceable as state law on February 01, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE:

Forward to the City Council a recommendation to receive and file the request for a local Ammunition Sales Ordinance.

APPROVED:


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