

RESOLUTION NO. 211249

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, calling for the Florida legislature to maintain comprehensive and effective License to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearm laws; to continue the prohibition on open carry of firearms; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the current Florida statutes on Weapons and Firearms (Chapter 790) require a license to carry concealed weapons or concealed firearms (S. 790.06); and

WHEREAS, fingerprints, a criminal background check, and completion of any firearms training or safety course or class conducted by a state-certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor are required for the license; and

WHEREAS, Florida prohibits open carry of firearms (S. 790.053); and

WHEREAS, states eliminating or weakening licensing requirements for carrying concealed firearms in public have experienced an 11% increase in gun homicide rates and a 13-15% increase in violent crime rates; and

WHEREAS, 88% of Americans think licenses should be required before carrying a concealed gun in public; and

WHEREAS, over 80% of gun owners, non-gun owners, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents agree that high safety standards are critical in issuing concealed carry licenses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission calls for maintaining the current Florida statute on requiring a license to carry concealed weapons or concealed firearms (S. 790.06), which includes fingerprinting, background checks, and safety training.

Section 2. The City Commission calls for maintaining the current prohibition on open carry of firearms (S. 790.053).

Section 3. The City Commission reiterates its commitment to community gun safety and the prevention of gun violence.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____day of ____, 2022.

Lauren Poe
Mayor

ATTEST:

Omichele D. Gainey
City Clerk