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COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 02

**An Ordinance regarding the Possession of Firearms in
Buildings utilized by City Court**

WHEREAS, I.C. 35-47-11.1-4 permits the City of Hobart to prohibit or restrict the possession of a firearm in the building that contains a courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Hobart City Court has a courtroom located at the Police Court Complex at 705 E. 4th Street in the City of Hobart and also utilizes and has utilized the City Council Chambers located at 414 Main Street in the City of Hobart as an ancillary courtroom; and

WHEREAS, neither of the courtroom locations listed above have direct access to the exterior of the building for public ingress and egress; and

WHEREAS, the City Court has the inherent authority to enter orders as are necessary to assure the efficient operation of the Court and the safety of Court staff and litigants; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of the Hobart City Court has issued General Order No. 19-1 prohibiting firearms within the confines of the court locations by all persons except judicial officers and law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has considered the General Order issued by the Judge of the Hobart City Court and desires to prohibit the possession of firearms in buildings utilized as courtrooms in the City of Hobart.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana as follows:

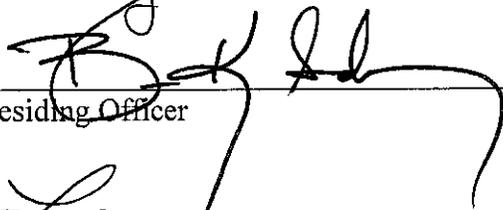
SECTION ONE. Chapter 130 of the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart entitled "*GENERAL OFFENSES*" in §130.06 "*WEAPONS*" is hereby amended by adding a new sub-section (C) as follows:

(C) Possession of Firearms in City buildings utilized as courtrooms. It is unlawful for any person, except judicial officers and law enforcement personnel, to possess a firearm in a building within the city which is utilized as a courtroom.

SECTION TWO. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication in the manner required by law.

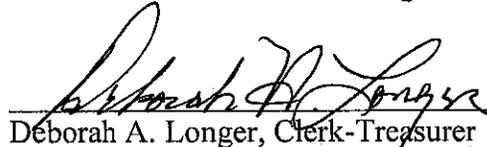
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ALL OF WHICH is PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 20th day of February, 2019.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



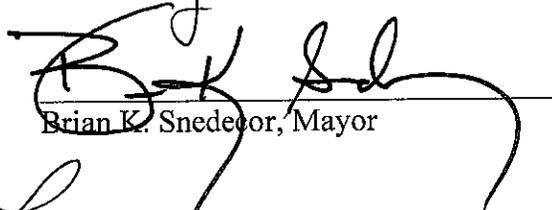
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 20th day of February, 2019 at the hour of 6:40 pm.



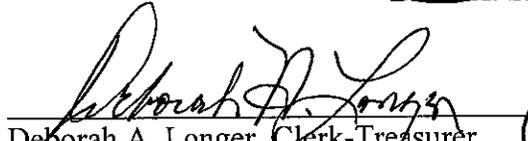
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APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 20th day of February, 2019.



Brian K. Snedcor, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

GENERAL ORDER NO. 19-1

HOBART CITY COURT

WHEREAS, I.C. 35-47-11.1-4 permits the City of Hobart to prohibit or restrict the possession of a firearm in a building that contains a courtroom, and

WHEREAS, Hobart City Court has a courtroom located in the Police Court Complex at 705 E. 4th Street in the City of Hobart, and

WHEREAS, Hobart City Court also utilizes and has utilized the City Council Chambers as an ancillary courtroom, which are located in Hobart City Hall at 414 Main Street in the City of Hobart, and

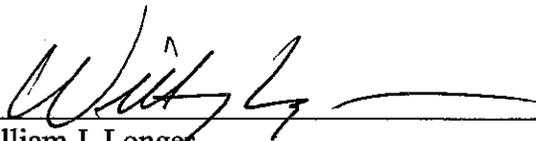
WHEREAS, neither of the above courtroom locations have direct access to the exterior of the building for public ingress and egress, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authority to prohibit firearms in both locations, and the Court finds that in addition, it has inherent authority to enter such orders as are necessary to assure the efficient operation of the Court and the safety of Court staff and litigants, and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that it is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the Court, to prohibit the possession of firearms in the buildings housing courtrooms in the City of Hobart, to the extent permitted by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that firearms shall be prohibited within the confines of 705 E. 4th Street and 414 Main Street, Hobart, Indiana by all persons, except judicial officers and law enforcement personnel.

SO ORDERED this 12 day of February, 2019.



William J. Longer
Judge, Hobart City Court