

ORDINANCE NO. 26-02

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES,
COLORADO, AMENDING THE CASTLE PINES MUNICIPAL CODE TO OPT OUT
OF THE FIREARM PROHIBITIONS OF SENATE BILL 24-131**

WHEREAS, the City of Castle Pines (“City”) is a home rule municipality with all powers granted by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the City’s Home Rule Charter (“City Charter”); and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 24-131 (“SB 24-131”), prohibiting the carrying of firearms in specified sensitive spaces; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S § 18-12-105.3(4)(b) allows a governing body of a local government to enact an ordinance to opt out of the prohibitions of SB 24-131; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to opt out of SB 24-131 and to amend the Castle Pines Municipal Code accordingly.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES,
COLORADO, THAT:**

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and adopted as findings and determinations of the City Council for all purposes.

Section 2. Chapter 11 of the Castle Pines Municipal Code, titled “Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Property,” is hereby amended with a new Article 10 entitled “City Buildings” to read as follows:

Article 10 – City Buildings

Sec. 11-10-10. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their deviations shall have the meaning given herein:

Firearm means any weapon, including a starter gun, that can, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of a firearm; or a firearm silencer.

Sec. 11-10-20. Carrying of a Firearm in City Buildings.

- (a) Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, including without limitation C.R.S § 18-12-105.3(1)(b), a person may carry a firearm, whether loaded or not loaded, on the property or within any building in which:
 - (1) The chambers or galleries where the City Council is located;

- (2) A meeting of the City Council is being conducted; or
 - (3) The official office of any elected member of City Council or of the City Manager is located, including without limitation, the offices located at 7437 Village Square Drive, Suite 200, Castle Pines, CO 80108.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section, if any location described in subsection (a) is held inside a building not owned by the City of Castle Pines, any person must follow the rules set forth by the owner of such building.

Section 3. Severability. If any part or provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4. Codification Amendments. The codifier of the City's Municipal Code is hereby authorized to make such numerical and formatting changes as may be necessary to incorporate the provisions of this Ordinance within the Castle Pines Municipal Code.


Section 5. Safety Clause. The City Council finds and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated and adopted for the public health, safety and welfare and this Ordinance bears a rational relation to the legislative object sought to be obtained.

Section 6. Publication and Effective Date. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause publication of this Ordinance in accordance with Section 6.5 of the Charter. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after final publication on the City's official website and posting at the City Clerk's office pursuant to Section 1-3-40 of the Municipal Code.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED ON FIRST READING, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO THE 27th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.




Tracy Engerman (Mar 11, 2026 10:56:02 MDT)

Tracy Engerman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tobi Duffey, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Linda Michow (Feb 26, 2026 12:33:08 MST)

Linda C. Michow, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read on first reading on January 13, 2026; published by title only in the Douglas County News-Press, together with the statement that “[t]he complete text of the ordinance is available through the City Clerk’s office and on the City’s official website with second reading and public hearing to be held on January 27, 2026”; and finally passed and adopted by the City Council on January 27, 2026, following a duly noticed public hearing and published on the City’s official website and posted at the City Clerk’s office on January 14, 2026.

ATTEST:



Tobi Duffey, MMC, City Clerk