PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF MANSFIELD

The Mansfield Town Council will meet virtually via GoToMeeting and hold a virtual public hearing at 7:00 PM on March 8, 2021 to solicit public comment regarding an ordinance prohibiting firearms and other dangerous weapons in town buildings or on town-owned real property.

In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC to slow community spread of COVID-19, this meeting is being held virtually. The public may view the meeting live at https://mansfieldct.gov/video or on Charter Spectrum Cable Channel 191 (the website is recommended as it is a higher image clarity).

Public Comment will be accepted by email at TownMngr@mansfieldct.org or by USPS mail at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield CT 06268 and must be received prior to the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting). Additionally, public comment can be phoned in live. Please email

TownMngr@mansfieldct.org or call 860-429-3336 ext. 5 by Noon on the day of the meeting to receive instructions for how to phone in public comment.

Information regarding the proposed ordinance is on file at the Town Clerk's Office (4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield) and is posted on the Town's website (mansfieldct.gov).

Dated at Mansfield, Connecticut this 23rd day of February 2021.

Sara-Ann Chaine Town Clerk

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Possession of firearms or dangerous weapons prohibited in Town buildings or on Town Real Property.

A.

Pursuant to the authority granted by Connecticut General Statutes Section 29-28(e), no person shall possess a firearm, air gun, air rifle, or crossbow, longbow, archery equipment, or any dangerous weapon, as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes Section 53-206 in Town-owned buildings or on Town-owned real property. The lawful possession of firearms, air guns, air rifles, or crossbows, longbows, or archery equipment, on sidewalks, roads, highways, and streets, within the Town shall be permitted. Except where otherwise prohibited, the lawful possession of firearms, air guns, air rifles, or crossbows, longbows, or archery equipment within a locked vehicle shall be permitted.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to a peace officer, as defined in Section 53a-3(9) of the Connecticut General Statutes, when acting within the scope of his/her duties or as otherwise authorized by law or any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, performing in uniform as a member of an official ceremonial unit.

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Penalties for offenses.

Any violation of this chapter shall be a violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.