



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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RESOLUTION ON GUN FREE ZONES

WHEREAS, incidents of gun violence are increasing at an alarming rate in Downtown Detroit, taking lives and sending shockwaves throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Detroit and its surrounding areas represent Detroit's face to the world, welcoming people from all over the city, state, country, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, gun violence in Downtown Detroit poses a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of residents and visitors to the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Detroit has the obligation to protect the lives of Detroiters and support safe communities for businesses to thrive; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council hereby declares the areas commonly known as the Detroit Riverfront, Greektown, Hart Plaza, Spirit Plaza, and Campus Martius be designated as Gun Free Zones, with public signage placed prominently for all to see designating them as such; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a formal request be made of the City of Detroit Law Department and staff of this Detroit City Council to draft proposed Gun Free Zones ordinance to comply with existing legal requirements and codify this designation in statute; and be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a formal request be made of the City of Detroit Law Department and staff of this Detroit City Council to draft an ordinance to require all events public and private that receive a permit from the City of Detroit where expected attendance is listed at 500 persons or over on the application be Gun Free Zones; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City of Detroit will vigorously enforce Gun Free Zones and seek appropriate consequences for violations.