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DIRECTORS’ MEETING
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comments  Since the plastic pollution field in the Pacific Ocean is twice the size of Texas it appears past time for the City of Lincoln to consider banning plastic bags.
I’m wholly supportive of the City’s initiatives to encourage recycling and ban corrugated cardboard from the landfill. But, I would like to point out the dishonest business practices of at least one recycling company in Lincoln.

On October 20, 2017 I canceled my service with Star City Recycling and asked for a credit to my account since he bills two months at a time and I had paid for October and November. I contacted them again December 1, 2017 about a refund of $12 for unused service in November. Owner Garen Miller’s reply was “We don’t offer refunds on partial billing periods, but we apply this towards a one time pickup of materials your new company doesn’t take if you like.” I explained that I wanted a refund and not a one-time pickup of materials, that I had hired another recycling service. Plus, $12 for a one-time pick-up is unacceptable. My new service does a better job and picks up everything that Star City did, plus provides better service.

No where on their website nor in anything that I have received from them, including the bill, is there mention of this non-refundable policy. I also was not informed that I would be paying for unused services when I gave my cancellation notice and that I could not get a refund.

I think it’s a scam for companies to keep money that was paid to them and not provide any service. One of the reasons I switched is that I’m retired and living on social security so look at ways that I can reduce what I pay for services. I’m a firm believer in recycling and have recycled for decades. In this case, I found a cheaper and better recycling service. Plus, it shouldn’t matter why I switched services, but I did provide Star City ample notice. Certainly, it’s unethical for any business to keep someone’s money, especially since it’s not made known that they will keep your money if you cancel. Imagine what a windfall this must be for them every time someone cancels service!

As more people switch to private companies for recycling services, especially us older folks who find it more convenient that using drop-off sites, I think the citizens of Lincoln need to be aware of companies that will take advantage of them and are out to keep their money in any way they can. I filed complaints with the Better Business Bureau and the State Attorney’s General office but it could not be resolved as Star City didn’t want to refund my money. Legal Aid said it was civil matter and my only recourse was to file a claim. Mr. Miller knows that my only recourse would be to take them to small claims court, which would cost me more than the $12 I’m owed. So, they can continue to get away with such behavior.

I don’t think all recyclers are as unscrupulous as Galen Miller but it does seem deceptive and deceitful to have “policies” that no one knows about or perhaps are just made up on the fly in order not return someone’s money because no services were provided. Unfortunately, as people sign up for recycling services, there is no way to know the repercussions if they stop the service since such information is not shared and not made public.
Unfortunately, I’m at a loss as to how to remedy this situation as it seems like it would be good business practice to make policies known to the consumer but I’ve yet to find the answer and haven’t found a way to try to change it. But Lincoln citizen’s need to know of this “buyer beware” situation with some recyclers.

Thank you.

Kathy Northrop
Council members,

I reside in District 4 and missed the 3/19/18 hearing on banning bump stocks. I wanted to make some points that were not brought up in the hearing.

First, let me quote for you from our state constitution:

> .ARTICLE I Section 1 in part states:

> the right to keep and bear arms for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes, and such rights shall not be denied or infringed by the state or any subdivision thereof.

Bump stocks as was noted in the hearing are used for recreational purposes. Lincoln being a subdivision within the State of Nebraska will be violating our State Constitution if it follows through with this ban.

Second, Insisting that owners of bump stocks turn them over to the police without compensation is an example of ex post facto.

If something is declared contraband, the continued possession after the effective date of the legislation could be legally considered a crime.

What would be in play would be "takings". Basically the government cannot declare formerly legal things to be contraband without entitling the owners of said contraband to fair compensation. That is the angle that pro gun groups in California have used to fight the standard capacity magazine ban. There was no method of compensation built into the legislation, thus violating the "takings" clause. Being allowed to declare property to be contraband with no compensation would provide the government with a very, very dangerous weapon to wield against the people (or groups of people) that it does not like. Think asset forfeiture.

The City Council is not offering compensation nor allowing owners of these devices a legal means to sell them.

Finally the City Council members proposing this ban are demonstrating little respect for the Civil Rights of our City and States citizens, in an effort to solve a problem that does not exist in Lincoln. Bump stocks were determined by the ATF over ten years ago to be legal to posses and not restricted under the NFA rules. Not once during that time has one been used in the commission of a crime within our city!

Does this make a criminal of someone passing through Lincoln with no knowledge of this ban? The City Council will be making criminals of current law abiding citizens. This is bad legislation and should not be passed!

Thank you, Gregg Lanik
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Here is an example of bump firing done without a device.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2YLgLj8KvY
Council Members,

Cell phone use by people while driving is a greater danger to citizens of Lincoln and banning them would save more lives than banning bump stocks. Why is that not a priority for those promoting this ban? Do they have a personal bias against firearms they do not have against cell phones?

One rationalization promoted to justify this ban is that bump stocks are "only" accessories to firearms. Legally, only the Receiver is technically the "firearm" and everything else is an accessory. With the fore mentioned line of reasoning the City Council claims the power to not just regulate, but outright ban any firearm part they feel is to be dangerous. This is a slippery slope and another example of gun control "by a thousand cuts."

This ban is promoted for public safety yet there are no recorded incidences of bump stocks being used for criminal purposes within the city of Lincoln. There are existing laws that already make the use of bump stocks within city limits illegal, discharging a firearm within city limits, use of a firearm to commit a felony etc. This ban puts unnecessary restrictions on the civil rights of citizens and those passing through Lincoln, turning current law abiding people into criminals.

Please vote no on this ban.

Thank you,
Gregg Lanik
What will this actually solve? My opinion is nothing. You are only going to turn law abiding citizens into criminals. These have only been used in one crime nationwide. You would serve the citizens much more effectively if you focused on mental health issues and enforce current laws.

Stop with the "feel good legislation" already.
I support the ban on bump stocks in Lincoln's city limits as proposed by Councilwomen Gaylor-Baird & Raybould. Please vote YES to support this common-sense proposal to protect Lincoln's residents. I do believe 30 days is a sufficient amnesty period for someone to head to one of Lincoln's police stations to turn in a bump stock. I think this task would take 30 min. to an hr. at most, including drive time. One month's time seems like plenty of time to work that in to someone's schedule. Six months is too long. We risk someone misusing a bump stock in that time period. If you must extend the amnesty period, please don't extend it more than 3 months. I agree the amnesty period is a necessary and sensible compromise, and I appreciate Councilwoman Lamm's proposing that as a practical matter of how to make this ban work in a reasonable manner, as well as the other council members' willingness to alter the initial language to make a workable compromise. It's how our government at every level should work!

If you haven't had time to read Justice Scalia's majority opinion in the latest case to interpret the 2nd Amendment, which firmly established every American's individual right to keep and bear arms, Dist. of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), I will quote here a passage toward the end of the opinion that I think is particularly relevant to this debate, and the Lincoln City Council's ability to ban arms that have been and can be misused to quickly kill a large number of our citizens:

"Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited....Commentators and courts routinely explained that the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever for whatever purpose....[N]othing in our opinion should be taken to case doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms. We also recognize another important limitation on the right to keep and carry arms. Miller said, as we have explained, that the sorts of weapons protected were those 'in common use at the time. 307 U.S., at 179. We think that limitation is fairly supported by the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of 'dangerous and unusual weapons.'" Dist. of Columbia v. Heller, p. 54-55 (www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/07pdf/07-290.pdf).

It seems to me that "sensitive places" should include the city limits of an urban area, such as Lincoln, where a bump stock could be used to kill a great number of innocent people very quickly. It also seems to me that after Stephen Paddock killed 59 people and wounded several hundred more in Las Vegas last fall, bump stocks can be considered by our elected leaders to reasonably fall into the category of "dangerous and
unusual weapons" that the Supreme Court expressly stated could be legally & constitutionally prohibited.

Please be courageous and vote to ban bump stocks today! It's a much-needed start to sensible laws to protect our kids, friends, neighbors, family and fellow citizens.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my comments :).
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comments We were unable to attend the City Council meeting April 19th, but we wanted you to know that we strongly support the proposal before you to outlaw multi-burst trigger activated weapons. We agree with the Councilwomen Jane Raybould, and Leirion Gaylor Baird that they should not be allowed within the city limits. I hope that you took the opportunity on Saturday to attend the March for our Lives rally and listen to the speeches given by our young people. If you had you would know how important this issue is to them as well. We can not afford one more school shooting, or for that matter, ANY shootings in our city. We in Lincoln don’t have the opportunity to take action on behalf of the entire state, but we do have the opportunity to change “business as usual” in Lincoln.

Please don’t vote with the NRA. Vote with the students and good people of Lincoln who are calling out for change in our gun laws. This is a good place to start.

Sincerely,
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comments: Dear Council Member,

I am writing to you to express my support for the proposed bump stock ban. I think this is an important step for our city to take to ensure the safety of all its' citizens. Please vote in support of this common-sense ban. Thanks and have a great day!

Nicole Adams

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Hello Members of City Council:

Thank you for serving as our City Council & all of the good things you do for this City.

I am against banning the Bump Stock.

I am concerned that we are voting to take steps that do not mirror federal law. I am also against making laws that are not followed by the State of Nebraska. What happens if someone is traveling from one part of the state and is pulled over on a highway not knowing the City of Lincoln has a ban on this device? Now we have a legal device from State & Federal Law (for now) and the law abiding citizen unknowingly is now a criminal. Very bad. What is the proposed punishment for this type of situation?

Let’s hold on this issue until we hear more from the Federal Government on this item.

I think we need to work really hard on securing our schools. There are ways to make it hard for someone to enter a school with a weapon. And I believe we need more trained teachers or security personnel onsite to protect our children.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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Bump stock ordinance

Councilmember,

I am writing in opposition to the upcoming ordinance vote to make bump stocks illegal in the City of Lincoln.

This proposed ordinance is just silliness.

I have no idea how many bump stocks even exist in Lincoln and I would bet no one does and, to my understanding, the police have not had any problems with bump stocks.

You would be voting on a solution looking for a problem.

Furthermore, this ordinance targets responsible law-abiding gun owners. Anyone who thinks this ordinance would stop a would-be sociopath from a mass shooting is just plain naïve.

I am a responsible gun owner, although I do not own a bump stock, myself and others like me have the constitutional right to purchase all the guns and equipment we choose.

Lastly, I view this as a foot in the door tactic to open the door to further gun controls.

This ordinance is unnecessary. Please vote no.

Thanks for your time.

Lawrence D Hensley

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I hope you will take 7 minutes to listen to this important video statement by Gov. Matt Bevin of Kentucky, before you make any decisions about gun control regulations for Lincoln. The Governor's statement is factual and well-reasoned and deserves a broad hearing. We are pursuing avenues of "solution" that simply will not solve the problem-- the guns do not kill, the people wielding them do and they are responsible. We, as a society, are responsible for allowing our culture to decline so dramatically that young people now think nothing of going out and shooting or blowing up other people, just as they do in their video games, as Gov. Bevin clearly describes. This is a cultural problem and must be addressed as such if it is to be solved. I totally agree with Gov. Bevin in all that he says, and I hope you will listen carefully and even pass this on to others to listen to--we have removed any "moral authority" from our public forum and thus a return to barbarism.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Nancy Carr

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The Governor of Kentucky explains to a group of trauma consultants (re: Florida school shootings) why laws and control measures will not work.

Very articulate and well done.

To whom it may concern:

Please see the attached statement from The Unitarian Church of Lincoln regarding gun violence.

-Oscar Sinclair

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The Unitarian Church of Lincoln supports the growing civic and social participation of students that have been activated by the murder of 17 people in Parkland Florida. There is a need for the nation’s faith communities to express their positions on matters of conscience and social justice in our cities. Too many of our young people are shot and killed by guns almost every day by suicide as well as by intentional and unintentional shootings. We support the students in Lincoln, Nebraska and around the country who are demanding change.

We support comprehensive gun control that will hold gun makers, gun sellers, and gun owners to the highest standards through policy changes and higher community expectations. We oppose gun proliferation.

We support funding science, research and technology to prevent shooting deaths and injuries.

We recognize that all Americans are victims of gun violence because it has become impossible not to be affected by the extreme levels of gun violence.

In our hearts we hold the pain of the world. In our arms, we hold our children and their hopes and dreams to grow up free of violence. With our community of voices we will change the world.

Signed on behalf of the congregation,
Oscar Sinclair
Good Afternoon,

Please vote to ban bump stocks in the city of Lincoln. Such bump-fire devices use the recoil of a semiautomatic firearm to rapidly pull the trigger, mimicking fully automatic firing. In the space of 10 minutes, a weapon fitted with a bump stock was used to fire more than 1,100 rounds into the innocent crowd in Las Vegas. We all saw the slaughter of 58 people and 600 wounded victims, who will live with this trauma forever.

This should be a bipartisan effort to protect our citizens.
I support a grandfathered clause for current owners of such devices giving them a short period of time to relinquish devices.

Thank you,

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Subject: Bump-Stock ban vote.

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing this note to you about the possible bump-stock ban in the city of Lincoln. I feel that it should be up to the Federal Gov't to deal with this issue. This ban may start the City of Lincoln down a slippery slope of ridiculous gun laws.

How much research has been done by the city council? Do the council members even know what a bump stock does? Have council members even seen one?

Multi-burst trigger activator seems like a very broad term. Is my finger a multiburst trigger activator because I can pull the trigger of a firearm faster than someone else. I know, it sounds ridiculous doesn't it.

I'm definitely against making "multi-burst trigger activators" unlawful to sell or posses within the city of Lincoln.

Thank you for your time.