DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, October 1, 2018
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

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Memorandum

Date: September 25, 2018
To: City Clerk
From: Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Planning Commission
     Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from September 18, 2018 through September 24, 2018:

Administrative Amendment 18033, to Final Plat 17013, Waterford Estates 18th Addition, approved by the Planning Director on September 19, 2018, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the Final Plat, generally located at N. 102nd Street and Shoreline Drive.

Administrative Amendment 18055, to Change of Zone 12029, Ascentia PUD, approved by the Planning Director on September 20, 2018, to reduce the front yard setbacks along internal private drives, and to increase the setback along Cornhusker Highway with installation of two trees per unit, generally located at N. 1st Street and Cornhusker Highway.

Administrative Amendment 18057, to Final Plat 17092, Boulder Ridge 8th Addition, approved by the Planning Director on September 20, 2018, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the Final Plat, generally located at S. 84th Street and Barkley Drive.

Administrative Amendment 18060, to Final Plat 17080, White Horse Addition, approved by the Planning Director on September 24, 2018, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the Final Plat, generally located at S. 89th Street and A Street.
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

[All Commissioners present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 12, 2018. **APPROVED: 9-0**

Resolution of Appreciation presented to Chris Hove. **ADOPTED; 8-0; Hove abstained**; Resolution No. PC-01617.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

   TEXT AMENDMENT:

   1.1 Text Amendment 18009, to amend the Lincoln Municipal Code Section 27.72.110 Exceptions to the Height Requirements, in all zoning districts where private schools are allowed, whereby private school light poles may exceed the district height limit up to a height of 100 feet and repealing Section 27.72.110 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing

   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 9-0. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
ANNEXATION AND RELATED CHANGE OF ZONE:

1.2a Annexation 18006, to annex approximately 25.69 acres, more or less, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 9-0, as set forth in the staff report dated September 12, 2018. Public hearing before the City Council is currently pending.

1.2b Change of Zone 04075H, for a change of zone from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Residential District) PUD (Planned Unit Development), to expand the existing Planned Unit Development (PUD) by approximately 25.69 acres, more or less, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 9-0, as set forth in the staff report dated September 12, 2018. Public hearing before the City Council is currently pending.

SPECIAL PERMIT:

1.3 Special Permit 11013B, an amendment to renew the special permit for soil excavation, on property generally located at Northwest 63rd and West O Streets.**FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Dessie Redmond, 402-441-6373, dredmond@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated September 12, 2018: 9-0.
Resolution No. PC-01618.

2. REQUESTS AND FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:

4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance 18015, to review the proposed Lancaster County Road and Bridge Construction Program, Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020-2024, as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Michael Brienzo, 402-441-6369, mbrienzo@lincoln.ne.gov
Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan: 9-0, Public hearing before the County Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.
AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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Adjournment: 1:40 p.m.
TO: Mayor Chris Beutler  
   Lincoln City Council  

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning  

DATE: September 27, 2018  

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: September 26, 2018  

Please be advised that on September 26, 2018, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:  

Resolution No. PC-01617, resolution of appreciation for Chris Hove’s nearly 7 years of service as a Planning Commission member; and  

Resolution No. PC-01618, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 11013B, request of Roger Schwisow, SPECIAL PERMIT 11013B, to renew the special permit for soil excavation, on property legally described as Lot 25, I.T., located in the SW 1/4 of Section 24-10-5, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at Northwest 63rd and West O Streets.  

The Planning Commission action on this application is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.  

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP11013B). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Dear Councilmember Jon Camp:

As someone who was born and raised in Lincoln, and almost 70 years old, I urge you to oppose the firearm ordinance that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird is going to propose.

We have more than enough gun laws here. This law will turn me and many other people in Lincoln into criminals. I have no intent to put myself or my family's lives in jeopardy by not having instant access to any of my guns if I choose. Just look at the increasing instances of home invasions in Lincoln, and law enforcement's inability to protect from these crimes at home.

Gun safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and every person's situation is different. It is unreasonable for the law to impose a one-size-fits-all government solution as these "nanny state" ordinances do nothing to keep families safe. Councilwoman Gaylor Baird's poorly thought out ordinance would invade people's homes and force them to render their firearms useless in a self-defense situation.

Again, please oppose any firearm ordinances that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird may propose. Thank you.

Sincerely,
James Vaughn
1900 Normandy Ln
Lincoln, NE 68512-1427
Most gun owners are responsible individuals who keep their guns locked up. They realize that people can make rash decisions under pressure, including the gun owners themselves, and they willingly accept the usefulness of an additional safeguard that has the chance to save innocent lives.

Safe gun storage also keeps the families of gun owners safe by lessening the chance of accidents at home.

An ordinance requiring gun owners to keep their weapons in a safe is not even needed for most of us, because for us, safe storage is simply common sense. Unfortunately, some of our neighbors do not feel this way, and they leave their weapons lying around where children and their friends can access them, or where an older person can get at them in a moment of desperation. This is reckless and dangerous behavior, but it is perfectly legal.

By making locked gun storage a city requirement, we are spreading the message that Lincoln cares more about saving lives than the potential minor inconvenience of a few irresponsible gun owners.

Please support the creation of some kind of city ordinance to keep us safer. It's a step even gun owners, at least the majority of responsible gun owners, can get behind.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important matter.
Hello,

My name is Joel Blowers and I live and work in Lincoln. I urge you to oppose the firearm ordinance Councilwoman Gaylord Baird is proposing.

Safe firearm storage is the sole responsibility of the individual. The individual is the only entity who can accurately determine what "safe firearm storage" entails in their given situation. It is unlawful for the City of Lincoln to dictate what "safe firearm storage" means for the individual. To enact such an ordinance would be an egregious overreach and an abuse of power.

I am pro safe firearm storage. I am anti ordinances which would prevent firearm access during an emergency. I am a responsible, law-abiding citizen who does not need the city government to micromanage the affairs of my household. Laws punishing irresponsible firearm handling are already in place. Please focus on enforcing those laws instead of burdening the city with an unnecessary ordinance.

With all due respect, I will not obey any ordinance which would prevent firearm access during an emergency. Many upstanding members of our community feel as I do.

Again, I urge you to oppose Councilwoman Gaylord Baird's ordinance, and any other ordinance like it.

Thank you.

Joel Blowers
I just got my electric bill and saw the proposed rate increase in a Journal Star story this morning. I noted my home is in the Tier 1 group which may have an increase of $3 - 18 per month. This is very disappointing. I was once the Lincoln City Energy Planner and worked closely with LES. I have worked diligently for many years to reduce my energy consumption, both to save money and to be an environmentally responsible consumer. We have done insulation, energy efficient appliances and AC, a home energy audit, energy efficient windows as well as just turning off the lights.

This piece of the rate increase seems counter productive to those efforts and the efforts of so many like me. I will attend your open house to get more detailed information but on the face of it, it just looks dumb.

Respectively
Mike DeKalb
Dear Councilmember Jon Camp:

As someone who lives and works in Omaha, BUT travels occasionally to the Lincoln area, I urge you to oppose the firearm ordinance that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird is going to propose.

Gun safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and every person's situation is different. It is unreasonable for the law to impose a one-size-fits-all government solution as these "nanny state" ordinances do nothing to keep families safe. Councilwoman Gaylor Baird's poorly thought out ordinance would invade people's homes and force them to render their firearms useless in a self-defense situation.

Again, please oppose any firearm ordinances that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird may propose. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Larry Kirstein
13423 Hickory Cir
Omaha, NE 68144-1241
Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council:

A little over a week ago I met a man and woman whose young grandson shot and killed himself with an unsecured handgun at the home of a friend. If nothing else, the experience of these grieving grandparents should convince you of the need for safe storage ordinance in Lincoln.

I trust that in the weeks ahead you will draft such an ordinance and bring it to a favorable vote.

Sincerely,

George E. Wolf
1226 South 25th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 5:50 PM
To: Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe
Subject: InterLinc - Contact

City Council - Contact

Date: 9/24/2018 5:50:10 PM

name Cynthia Hartley
address 1300 G St. #101E
       Lincoln
state NE
zip 68508
email Thiahartley@gmail.com

comments I am in favor of safe storage for guns in Lincoln. Owning a gun is a responsibility. Keeping a gun out of the hands of children is essential. I worry about houses being robbed and guns stolen. Accidents happen. The gun owner should know where their gun is at all times. Locking it up is essential. Thank you.

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Dear Councilmember Jon Camp:

As someone who lives and works in the Lincoln area, I urge you to oppose the firearm ordinance that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird is going to propose.

Gun safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and every person's situation is different. It is unreasonable for the law to impose a one-size-fits-all government solution as these "nanny state" ordinances do nothing to keep families safe. Councilwoman Gaylor Baird's poorly thought out ordinance would invade people's homes and force them to render their firearms useless in a self-defense situation.

Again, please oppose any firearm ordinances that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird may propose. Thank you.

Sincerely,
DENNIS SCOFIELD
6830 Ashbrook Dr
APT 302
Lincoln, NE 68516-3446
City Council - Contact

Date: 9/24/2018 6:14:52 PM

name
Rebecca Gaston-Wise
address
726 s 30th st
city
lincoln
state
NE
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68510
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wisebecki@gmail.com

comments
Please support safe storage of guns. I think it is reasonable to expect someone who owns a deadly weapon to ensure that no one else can use it. As a parent, I think the risk to children far outweighs any inconvenience.
Angela M. Birkett

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
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City Council - Contact

Date: 9/24/2018 6:23:36 PM

name Ann Fintel
address 6100 Consentino Ct.
city Lincoln
state NE
zip 68526
email thefintels@neb.rr.com
comments Hello, I’m currently sitting in the audience of the Lincoln City Council meeting but I can see I won’t be able to speak tonight and get to East High for my children’s orchestra recital at 7 so I’ll email it to you instead. I have lived in Lincoln for 26 years and have two children at LPS. I am asking the Council to create an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms. I support such an ordinance because, very simply, it will make our children and community safer. If firearms are locked up, criminals will be less likely to get a hold of them to commit violent crimes. It seems that every single week in Lincoln there are 1-2 incidents of people reporting that their unlocked firearm was stolen. I shudder to think how many stolen firearms go unreported. How many news reports have we heard of a child, toddler to teen, shooting themselves or a friend, often resulting in death while playing with an unlocked firearm they found? How many of the numerous school shootings in this country were committed with an unlocked firearm that someone took from a family member? It is very simple. Firearms should be required to be stored safely to make Lincoln a safer place to live and go to school.
Thank you very much for your time.

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I emailed in July, I still feel the same. It's time to require the good guys with guns to keep their guns away from children.

We have too many guns stolen out of cars, and homes used in crimes when they wouldn't be in the wrong hands if they had been locked up.

Thank you,
Gina Frank
Lincoln resident

On Thu, Jul 12, 2018, 2:36 PM Gina B <ginabrandenburger@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council Members,

It's long past time to have a safe storage ordinance in our city. We need to start prosecuting irresponsible gun owners who put children at risk. Enough is enough. Please support a safe gun storage law.

Thank you,
Gina Frank
Lincoln Resident
Hello,

I am writing in support of a safe storage law for firearms in Lincoln. I have lived here for 4 years. I live close to a school, near a park where young children play, and in a neighborhood full of families. I also frequently read articles in the LJS about guns being stolen from vehicles, often unlocked. This puts me in fear for not only myself but for the children and families in my community. Recently a gun was found by children in an unattended backpack near the Children's Zoo. These irresponsible gun owners need to be held responsible when their actions put hundreds of others in danger.

I do not want to take away anyone's guns, but I do want them to take their responsibility as a gun owner seriously. They possess a tool that is dangerous is the wrong hands. They should be required to lock up their firearms properly and if they don't, and something happens, they should be held accountable.

Thank you,

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Sydney Butler
1426 S. 19th St.
Lincoln, NE 68502
p: 402.450.1085
Good Afternoon –

I wanted to share a few more details regarding our 2019 rate restructuring to supplement Nancy’s LJS article this morning. The first thing I would like to emphasize is that LES is proposing no systemwide rate increase for 2019, which might be confusing after reading the LJS article.

The increase referred to in the article is related to the proposed rate restructuring that we have been discussing with you all since 2016. This rate restructuring, meaning the removing of fixed costs from the variable energy rate, is also similar to what many other utilities are doing. As you may remember from our conversations, the reason for the restructuring is to allow LES to stabilize rates as the restructuring provides more certainty on the collection of fixed costs.

You may also recall that we took a unique approach of segmenting our residential customer class into three tiers based on consumption, in part to ease the impacts of the restructuring on low-usage customers. Residential customers have only had one rate increase (3.5%) during the last 4 years and during that time frame we were able to make the necessary rate restructuring changes without there being a significant adverse impacts on customers...and particularly to low usage customers.

Most utilities have one level of fixed charges for all levels of residential customers. If we used that rate methodology, our lower use customers would be paying a fixed charge of $22.43 or an increase of $4.43 over the proposed 2019 rate for Level 1 customers. Larger customers would be paying less...and they would not be paying their proportionate share of the facilities costs to serve them. Simply put, we have taken significant steps to ease the impacts to low usage customers by ensuring that our costs are more fairly apportioned across the residential class. I just wanted to clarify this as I’m not sure this point came through in the article.

We continue to be watchful about the impact of these changes on our customers and it is our basis for taking a measured approach to these changes. The 2019 proposed increases to the facilities charges are less than what was approved in 2018.

Nancy’s article indicated that this was the last year of restructuring - and - while that is true for residential customers, there is still additional rate restructuring that will be proposed in future years for general service and heating service customers.

If you have questions or would like to meet and discuss, please let me know. As usual, we will be in touch with you all to offer in person meetings regarding our budget and rate restructuring very soon.

Regards,

Laura

Laura Kapustka | Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
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At 11 years old, I often was left alone to watch my younger brother. I was in the backyard one evening when my eight-year-old brother came outside and pointed a very large silver pistol at me. I was running toward him to take the gun away when it fired the loudest noise I'd ever heard.

Thankfully, neither of us was shot by this loaded gun my father kept in our house. My mother would have assumed the guns were locked up. My father wouldn't have bothered to check.

An ordinance providing penalties for those keeping unsecured weapons may have moved one or both of them to be sure that the gun case was locked. Requiring safe storage of deadly weapons is a reasonable and effective way that gun owners can increase safety for children and adults in their proximity.

Our city council can serve residents well by providing requirements for safe gun storage. I would be grateful if you would do so.

Sincerely,

Heidi Uhing
627 S. 28th St.
City Council - Contact
Date: 9/25/2018 10:26:03 AM

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city: Lincoln
state: NE
zip: 68510-2824
email: morrieenders@gmail.com

comments: I support a move toward safe storage of guns. Weapons must be kept out of the hands of children. Kids can find hidden guns. When they do, the gun needs to be locked.
I strongly urge you to protect our community by passing a safe storage ordinance for all guns. It is sensible & an important first step to prevent unnecessary gun related injuries and deaths.
Dear Councilmember Jon Camp:

As someone who lives and works in the Lincoln area, I urge you to oppose the firearm ordinance that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird is going to propose.

Gun safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and every person's situation is different. It is unreasonable for the law to impose a one-size-fits-all government solution as these "nanny state" ordinances do nothing to keep families safe. Councilwoman Gaylord Baird's poorly thought out ordinance would invade people's homes and force them to render their firearms useless in a self-defense situation.

Again, please oppose any firearm ordinances that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird may propose. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Walter Brown
389 Creek Rd
Doylestown, PA 18901-5543
**City Council - Contact**

Date: 9/25/2018 11:07:40 AM  

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**comments**  
Councilmen/women, For the record, I and my wife are opposed to any legislation that require the locking/securing of firearms in the home. This is a moral responsibility of anyone owning a firearm, although owners should be accountable for their actions/behaviors on a civil level; it should not be lawmakers purpose to legislate morality (or stupidity).

I was brought up in a home that had loaded guns (my father was a Lincoln Police Officer for 30 years) and today I teach Firearms Safety in the Home. I personally believe firearms should be locked and ammunition kept in a separate location; but again, this is a personal choice. Restricting and ultimately mandating moral choices will not reduce stupid decisions.

Respectfully,
David & Susan Morgan
Sept 24, 2018

Please enter into the record and submit to all Council members for the council meeting on 9/24/2018, open comments section.

From: Paula Moon Bohaty
5046 Benton Street
Lincoln, NE 68504

Re: Create a Safe Storage Gun Ordinance in Lincoln, NE.

Council Members:
I strongly support Lincoln, Nebraska create an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms.

The U.S. General Accounting Office estimated that 31 percent of accidental deaths caused by firearms could be prevented with the addition of two devices: a child-proof safety lock and a loading indicator.

More than 75% of first and second graders know where their parents keep their firearms and 36% admitted handling the weapons.

More than 80% of guns used by youth in suicide attempts were kept in the home of the victim, a relative, or a friend.

Gun owners (predominantly men) are more likely to report that their guns are stored unlocked and loaded, compared to the non-owners (predominantly women) in those households. This argues for better education and laws to require safe storage within the household to protect family members.

Among children, the majority (89%) of unintentional shooting deaths occur in the home. Most of these deaths occur when children are playing with a loaded gun in their parent's absence.

The gun lobbying arm of the NRA claims that adult criminals who mishandle firearms - as opposed to law-abiding gun owners - are responsible for most fatal accidents involving children. But a vast majority of cases revolved around children’s access to firearms, with the shooting either self-inflicted or done by another child playing with the gun.

Educating children helps but will not stop them from exploring and being inquisitive, you simply cannot admonish children to stay away from firearms and assume your message is effective. The only 100% percent guarantee that a child is safe with firearms within the home is when they are safely locked and stored.

Please explore creating a firearms safe storage ordinance for Lincoln to protect our citizens.

Sincerely,
I was unable to attend the meeting but also wanted to voice my strong support for the Safe Storage laws for firearms. We do have guns in my home and you better believe they are locked and the ammunition stored separately. With the kids in my home we teach about guns and gun safety and the first step in this is that our firearms are locked and unloaded when they are not in use at a gun range, which is the only place they would ever be fired. While I do believe that education in safe and proper gun use is important, I also believe that locking them when not in use is the safest way to keep accidents from happening.

Thank you for your time.
City Council - Contact

Date: 9/25/2018 1:05:20 PM

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city  Lincoln
state  NE
zip  68516
email  jim_krieger@yahoo.com

comments  Council-members, I was not able to attend the recent meeting of the City Council but wanted to give input on the citizens proposal on safe gun storage. I am opposed to a City mandated safe gun storage regulation. While on the surface this sounds like a great idea, I believe it is fraught with problems and unintended consequences. How would this be enforced? What quality of safe is safe enough? Who’s responsible when a homeowner cannot access their firearm in an emergency? What if someone gains unauthorized access to the safe anyway?

I strongly believe that if the goal of such a law is to prevent children from accessing firearms, that education is far more effective. Teach children proper respect and handling of a firearm. Our daily lives and our homes are filled with things that can be dangerous and even deadly. Are you going to require all pharmaceuticals be locked away? How about matches and lighters? Car keys? These are just a few items, that are common in a Lincoln home, that have the potential to cause harm. I believe it is each citizen’s own judgement and responsibly how to manage their home and their belongings, including firearms.

Jim Krieger
Lincoln

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I am writing to express my opposition to the suggestion that the City Council propose an ordinance that would require firearms to be in "safe storage" in homes. My concern is not about such an ordinance eroding my 2nd amendment rights. I am an owner of firearms but not a member of the NRA. I have a number of friends who own firearms. As responsible owners of firearms, we already safely secure those weapons in our homes. In my opinion, time and energy spent trying to formulate any such ordinance would be a tremendous waste of time and energy for the council members and a number of other agencies that would also be required to be involved in the process. Government cannot legislate responsibility any more than it can legislate morality. Irresponsible owners of firearms will not suddenly become responsible owners of firearms due to a city ordinance. We do not need more governmental rules and regulations that attempt to solve what a few perceive as a problem. Common sense would reveal that a "safe storage" ordinance would have no effect in reducing gun violence in this city.

Thank you for taking time to read my comment.

Respectfully,

Steve Carr
City Council - Contact

Date : 9/25/2018 3:12:50 PM

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comments I just read in today's LJS about City Council consideration of a law requiring "safe" gun storage. One must ask, why would the council pass legislation that 100% of the targeted population would violate/ignore? Unless of course, the city paid law enforcement personnel to search every house every week. And, that would require another law.

Respectfully,
Craig Urbauer
Dear Councilmember Jon Camp:

As someone who lives and works in the Lincoln area, I urge you to oppose the firearm ordinance that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird is going to propose.

Gun safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and every person's situation is different. It is unreasonable for the law to impose a one-size-fits-all government solution as these "nanny state" ordinances do nothing to keep families safe. Councilwoman Gaylord Baird's poorly thought out ordinance would invade people's homes and force them to render their firearms useless in a self-defense situation.

Again, please oppose any firearm ordinances that Councilwoman Gaylord Baird may propose. Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Salzbrenner
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Please add this email, which I sent to you in July, to the current Safe Storage request.

Thank you,
Kim Tedrow
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-----Original Message-----
From: kimtedrow
To: ceskridge ; lgaylorbaird ; bshobe ; jraybould ; clamm ; jcamp ; rchristensen
Sent: Thu, Jul 12, 2018 2:15 pm
Subject: Gun found at Children's Zoo

Dear Councilmembers,

This week, a construction worker left a handgun unattended on a bike path next to the children's zoo where it was discovered by children.

This construction worker will likely face no consequences for this egregious negligence.

We need a safe gun storage ordinance in Lincoln. When this comes up in the near future, please support it.

Kind regards,

Kim Tedrow
Woods Park Neighborhood
City Council - Contact

Date: 9/26/2018 10:13:47 AM

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comments: City council members:
I stand with the other Lincoln citizens who ask you to create a safe storage ordinance. I want to know that children, teens, depressed people and thieves will have reduced access to firearms in our community in order to keep themselves and the rest of us safer. Lincoln has a chance to lead in this area.
Thank you for your time.
Michael E. Reinmiller
Dear Mr. Camp,

I would like to express my great interest in the council creating an ordinance that would require gun owners to store and lock up their firearms when not in their direct control. This will help in protecting children and others in the homes of gun owners in our city. Such an ordinance would also prevent harm to others outside of that home if an accidental discharge would penetrate a nearby residence, or if it was taken outside of the home for illegal, unauthorized, or malicious use.

New laws would go far in preventing what has now become a daily occurrence in America, MASS SHOOTINGS. This uniquely American tragedy has become “every day news,” permanently scarring the good reputations of many communities across our country as well as seriously disrupting or destroying countless lives of citizens affected by these events. These are preventable tragedies that have been allowed to occur due to the lack of common sense legislation.

If police were called to a home where a domestic assault, child abuse, or illegal drugs were being investigated, and adults there had firearms laying out within the reach of children, I think you or any decent person would want some regulation protecting the children in that home from access to those guns whether legal or illegally owned.

With the increasing proliferation of more and more powerful guns into our communities, there has to be some regulation for citizens that determines what is responsible and safe and what is not. Every other aspect of significant ownership and licensing of hazardous items comes with rules and regulations for their proper use. I think you would agree that this scenario I described would be a great threat to many individuals in our community. It is not an unreasonable thing to ask the owner of an item which can instantly decide life or death of a child or bystander.

Lincoln is a smart and well governed city. We have earned a great reputation as a community that respects people, families, and children, and as the capital of our state, we should be willing to be an example in this very important area as well.

Thank you for giving this your serious consideration.

James Heydt
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Sincerely,
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Angela M. Birkett

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
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comments Councilman Camp, I am writing to you in regard to your mandatory bike bell proposal. I am an avid biker, riding between 2,500 – 3,000 miles a year on rural highways and gravel roads in and around Lincoln as well as Lincoln trails. I have lived in Lincoln all my adult life. I am a board member of both the Great Plains Bicycling Club and the Great Plains Trails Network (GPTN), although I am writing on my own behalf.

Councilman, I would strongly oppose your mandatory bike bell proposal. I personally do ride with a bell. I personally try to yell “on your left” or ring my bell when overtaking pedestrians. My experience is that a great majority of pedestrians are wearing headphones / earbuds and don’t even acknowledge the warning. I think you also have to consider the poor and working poor in our city that use the trails and sidewalks for transportation. Are they going to be able to afford a bell? While bells don’t cost that much, it could be barrier to low income folks, as well as the potential fine. I think enforcement would be difficult if not impossible. We don’t need more feel good ordinances that do little to nothing to change people’s behavior.

I believe a far better approach is education. Parks and Rec has already undertaken an education campaign by placing signs on the trail to encourage ringing a bell or saying, “on your left”. Basically, good trail etiquette. Although they did briefly ask for input from the GPTN board, I am not sure what Parks and Rec’s plan is for this campaign. I’m sure you could get from the Parks Director a copy of the signs as well as the scope of the campaign.

As a cyclist, I can tell you a much greater safety hazard is motorists at crossings. As an example, last Thursday I rode from the 56th & Pine Lake area to Mahoney golf course, that is approximately 10 miles. There where no less than 5 or 6 instances where a car was waiting to turn and completely blocking the crosswalk. Additionally, there where at least two instances where I and a car approached an intersection at the same time. The car does not even stop at the stop sign, but rather goes all the way to the corner. This is a common occurrence. This is particularly dangerous when you’re riding the trail in a direction of travel opposite the traffic. As an example, on Old Cheney where a cyclist is riding east, but the adjacent traffic is heading west. Motorists are looking east at the oncoming traffic and never even consider someone is coming from the west.

Councilman, as I stated before, I personally use a bell. I think it’s a good idea to use a bell. However, I don’t feel that the City needs to be mandating it. I urge you to abandon this proposal in favor of more education if you truly believe this is a problem that needs a solution. I would also encourage you to reach...
out to any of the bicycling / trails advocacy organizations in Lincoln to get their input. There are many fine organizations in Lincoln like GPTN, BicycLincoln, and Nebraska Bicycling Alliance. I’m sure any of them would be happy to host you at one of their meetings.

Sincerely,
Jim Krieger
Lincoln
Jim

Thank you for your thoughtful comments. At this stage I am interested in receiving comments like yours. My goal is safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

You are a courteous bicyclist which is greatly appreciated.

Jon

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Hello, my name is Maddie Haun and I am a senior at Lincoln East High School, and I am doing a project over our bike trails in Lincoln and how we can make them safer at night. So, I just have a few questions: Are there any laws that are going to be introduced in the Lincoln City Council that would help make our bike trails safer at night? And if not, what are some ways that we could achieve the goal of eliminating unsafe circumstances on our trails? This comes just after a sexual assault that happened about 2-3 months ago on Mopac Trail at night. There have also been plenty of other cases on top of that one.

Thanks so much and hope to hear from you soon!

Maddie Haun