



To: All Candidates
From: Sara Ott, Sr. Project Manager
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RE: Firearms in public parks and regulation of the sale of firearms

A candidate recently inquired about the regulation of firearms in parks, particularly during special events and whether Ordinance 73-13 impacted this regulation.

The following message was provided.

Ordinance 73-13 is not specifically related to Dublin's signature events. Ordinance 73-13 repealed local regulations regarding the sale and transfer of firearms. This repeal was necessary because of the existence of state statute that takes precedence on this matter.

The City of Dublin does not prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons ("CCW") in any City park.

As for the Dublin Irish Festival, the grounds are posted a no weapons zone. In doing so, the City is relying on Ohio Revised Code § 2923.126(C)(3)(a) that provides as follows:

** * * the owner or person in control of private land or premises, and a private person or entity leasing land or premises owned by * * * a political subdivision * * *, may post a sign in a conspicuous location on that land or on those premises prohibiting persons from carrying firearms or concealed firearms on or onto that land or those premises.*

With the Dublin Irish Festival, all of the food vendors and merchandise vendors (other than one), who rent space from the City, have requested, as part of their agreement, that the festival grounds be declared gun free. Thus, we are doing it at their request pursuant to the statute referenced above.

We have received inquiries regarding this policy and are currently examining this issue for next year.

