

ORDINANCE NO. 95-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF  
"THE HIGHLAND PARK CODE OF 1968," AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Chapter 134 of "The Highland Park Code of 1968," as amended ("*City Code*"), regulates the manufacture, sale, and possession of firearms in the City; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2013, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 68-13, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and possession of assault weapons and large capacity magazines within the City, subject to certain specified exemptions ("*Assault Weapon Ordinance*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 134.010(D) of the City Code, persons who owned assault weapons or large capacity magazines prior to the effective date of the Assault Weapon Ordinance must, within 90 days after the effective date of that Ordinance, either remove the weapons or magazines from the City, modify them to make them inoperable, or surrender them for disposal; and

WHEREAS, the City has been examining thoughtful comments submitted by City residents regarding potential amendments to the Assault Weapon Ordinance that would permit the expansion of reasonable and limited exemptions to the prohibition on the manufacture, sale, and possession of assault weapons and large capacity magazines within the City; and

WHEREAS, to allow additional time for the City to consider such comments, the City desires to extend the date by which persons who owned assault weapons or large capacity magazines prior to the effective date of the Assault Weapon Ordinance must remove, modify, or surrender the weapons or magazines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it will serve and be in the best interest of the City and its residents to amend the City Code pursuant to this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, as follows:

**SECTION ONE: RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Ordinance as the findings of the City Council.

**SECTION TWO: ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.** Chapter 134, entitled "Firearms Control," of Title XIII, entitled "Misdemeanors," of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 134.010 Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines.

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(D) Any person who, prior to the effective date of this Section 134.010, was legally in possession of an assault weapon or large capacity magazine prohibited by this Section 134.010 shall have ~~90~~ 120 days from the effective date of this Section 134.010 to do any of the following without being subject to prosecution hereunder:

(1) To remove the assault weapon or large capacity magazine from within the limits of the City;

(2) To modify the assault weapon or large capacity magazine either to render it permanently inoperable or to permanently make it a device no longer defined as an assault weapon or large capacity magazine; or

(3) To surrender the assault weapon or large capacity magazine to the Chief of Police or his or her designee for disposal as provided in Section 134.010(E) of this Chapter."

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**SECTION THREE: PUBLICATION.** The City Clerk shall be, and is hereby, directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Illinois.

**SECTION FOUR: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

AYES: Mayor Rotering, Councilmen Stone, Kaufman, Frank, Blumberg, Naftzger, Knobel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PASSED: September 23, 2013


APPROVED: September 23, 2013

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM: September 24, 2013

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Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Ghida S. Neukirch, City Clerk

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