

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, *Young, Bullock, Pincus, Barnett, Henry*
Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference *Castro* Date: March 7, 2018

*Cohen,
Stokes
Sreed
Clarke
Reisinger
Jock
Schleifer*

Referred to: PUBLIC SAFETY Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 18-0204

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Dangerous Knives – Commercial Display to Minors

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BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances
Section(s) 59-23
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

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****The introduction of an Ordinance or Resolution by Councilmembers at the request of any person, firm or organization is a courtesy extended by the Councilmembers and not an indication of their position.**

Agencies

Department of Public Works	Baltimore City Public School System
Department of Real Estate	Baltimore Development Corporation
Department of Recreation and Parks	City Solicitor
Department of Transportation	Comptroller's Office
Fire Department	Department of Audits
Health Department	Department of Finance
Mayor's Office of Employment Development	Department of General Services
Mayor's Office of Human Services	Department of Housing and Community Development
Mayor's Office of Information Technology	Department of Human Resources
Office of the Mayor	Department of Planning
Police Department	Other: _____
Other: _____	Other: _____
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Department of Public Works	Board of Estimates
Department of Real Estate	Board of Ethics
Department of Recreation and Parks	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
Department of Transportation	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
Fire Department	Commission on Sustainability
Health Department	Employees' Retirement System
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Department of Public Works	Environmental Control Board
Department of Real Estate	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
Department of Recreation and Parks	Labor Commissioner
Department of Transportation	Parking Authority Board
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Boards and Commissions

ENROLLED

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **18-144**
Council Bill 18-0204**

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Pinkett,
Burnett, Henry, Cohen, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger, Costello, Schleifer, Scott
Introduced and read first time: March 12, 2018
Assigned to: Public Safety Committee
Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: June 4, 2018

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 **Dangerous Knives – Commercial Display to Minors**

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Council Bill 18-0204

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Council Bill 18-0204

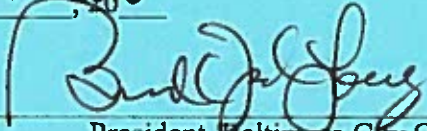
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9 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of JUN 11 2018



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of JUN 11 2018



Chief Clerk

Approved this 20 day of June, 2018



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency

This 19th Day of June 2018.



Chief Solicitor

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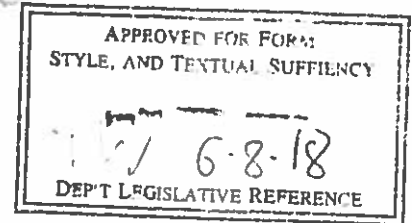
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AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 18-0204
(3rd Reader Copy)



By: Councilmember Middleton
{To be offered on the Council Floor}

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “minors;”, insert “creating a limited exception for sporting goods stores;”; and, on page 2, in line 20, after “WINDOWS” insert “OR GLASS DISPLAY CASES”; and, on that same page, in line 21, strike “NO” and substitute “(i) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART (ii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NO”; and, in that same line, strike “A WINDOW” and substitute “AN EXTERIOR WINDOW OR GLASS DISPLAY CASE”; and, after line 22, insert:

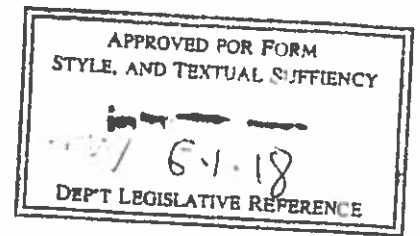
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Amendment No. 2

On page 2, in lines 19 and 23, in each instance strike “MINORS” and substitute “INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21”.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 18-0204
(1st Reader Copy)



By: The Public Safety Committee
{To be offered on the Council Floor}

ADOPTED

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ADORNED

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY VOTING RECORD

DATE: 5-5-18

Bill# CC 18-0204 – Ordinance – Dangerous Knives – Commercial Display to Minors

MOTION BY: DORSEY SECONDED BY: SNEED

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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Dorsey R. Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sneed, S.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cohen, Z.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CHAIRPERSON: [Signature]
 COMMITTEE STAFF: Richard G. Krummerich, Initials: RL



Catherine Pugh
Mayor

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Darryl De Sousa
Police Commissioner

May 11, 2018

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 18-0204
Dangerous Knives- Commercial Display to Minors**

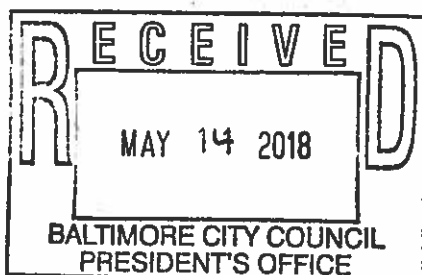
Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 18-0204. This legislation is for the purpose of prohibiting the commercial display of certain dangerous knives to minors; conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the commercial display of dangerous knives.

The BPD supports this bill.

Between January of 2016 and January 2018, 2,380 people were victims of an aggravated assault with a knife. Prohibiting the display of certain dangerous knives is another smart way of making our city safer, especially as it relates to young people.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The BPD looks forward to working with the City Council on this matter.



Sincerely,

Danielle Butcher
Office of the Police Commissioner

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH,
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
SUITE 101, CITY HALL
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

May 7, 2018

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0204 – Dangerous Knives – Commercial Display to
Minors

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-204 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill limits the ability of commercial establishments to display a “dangerous knife” to minors.

The Law Department notes that the term “minor” is undefined by this bill or in any part of the law applicable to the bill (specifically, Article 19, Part 3 and § 59-23). Without a definition, the application of the law is unclear. Is the term “minor” intended to apply to individuals under the age of 21 or under the age of 18? Attached is a proposed amendment.

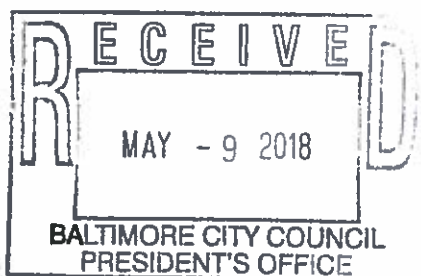
Similarly, the phrase “commercial establishment” is undefined. Without a definition, the prohibition concerning displays of a “dangerous knife” would affect all varieties of business enterprises, not just those engaged in the actual sale of a “dangerous knife.” If the sponsor’s intent is to reach all businesses, no definition is needed. On the other hand, if the reach is intended to be less broad, the Law Department has attached an amendment for consideration.

The ability of the Mayor and City Council to adopt legislation regulating the display of a “dangerous knife” is authorized by City Charter, Article II, §§ 27 (Police Power) & 47 (General Welfare). The Law Department is prepared to approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency provided the term “minor” is defined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor K. Tervala".

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor



Fav w/ Amends

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor

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By: _____
{To be offered to the Public Safety Committee}

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City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

18-0204

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 6 - Member Brandon M. Scott, Member Ryan Dorsey, Member Kristerfer Burnett, Member Shannon Sneed, Member Zeke Cohen, and Member Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
- Absent** 1 - Member Leon F. Pinkett III

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

18-0204

Dangerous Knives - Commercial Display to Minors

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Sponsors: Sharon Green Middleton, President Young, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Kristerfer Burnett, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello, Brandon M. Scott, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

A motion was made by Member Dorsey, seconded by Member Sneed, that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably with Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Member Scott, Member Dorsey, Member Burnett, Member Sneed, Member Cohen, and Member "Yitzy" Schleifer
- Absent:** 1 - Member Pinkett III

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

LARRY E. GREENE, Director
415 City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-396-7215 / Fax: 410-545-7596
email: larry.greene@baltimorecity.gov

HEARING NOTES

Bill: CC-18-0204

Ordinance - Dangerous Knives - Commercial Display to Minors

Committee: Public Safety

Chaired By: Councilmember Brandon Scott

Hearing Date: May 15, 2018

Time (Beginning): 2:02 PM

Time (Ending): 2:50 PM

Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber

Total Attendance: 14

Committee Members in Attendance:

Brandon Scott Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

Ryan Dorsey

Kristerfer Burnett

Sharon Sneed

Zeke Cohen

Form with checkboxes for Bill Synopsis, Attendance sheet, Agency reports, Hearing televised, Certification of advertising, Evidence of notification, Final vote taken, Motioned by, Seconded by, Final Vote.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Sharon Green Middleton - Vice President, Baltimore City Council
Victor Tervela - Law Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. The Chair convened the Hearing and welcomed the assembled guests,
2. Vice President Middleton stated she introduced this Bill because she was concerned about children having easy access to dangerous knives in retail establishments.
3. Councilmember Ryan Dorsey (D. 3rd.) expressed concerns that this bill could impact legitimate sporting goods stores.
4. Victor Tervela of the Law Department suggested amendment language which was adopted.
5. The Bill was approved on a 6-0 vote with one Member absent.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

- B. Scott: Yea
- R. Dorsey: Yea
- K. Burnett: Yea
- S. Sneed: Yea
- Z. Cohen: Yea
- L. Pinkett: Absent
- I. Schleifer: Yea
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Richard G. Krummerich, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File

Date: May 16, 2018

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Public Safety

Bill CC 18-0204

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Sponsor: Councilmember Middleton, et al

Introduced: March 12, 2018

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Hearing Date/Time/Location: May 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers

Agency Reports

Department of Law
Police Department

Favorable/Amend

Analysis

Current Law

Article 19 section 59-23 regulates the sales of certain weapons in Baltimore City. No person under the age of 21 may purchase such weapons.

Background

Knives that are capable of great injury or particularly are regulated susceptible to criminal use are regulated by the City Code. Part of the code forbids transferring such weapons to persons under the age of 21.

Concern has been raised about the open display of such weapons in establishments patronized by children. These dangerous knives can be stolen and wind up in youthful hands.

CC 18-0204 increases the regulation of dangerous knives. Upon its highlights:

1. Dangerous knives may not be displayed in a window.
2. In establishments patronized by minors dangerous knives must be behind a sales counter inaccessible to minors.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Bill file

Analysis by: Richard G. Krummerich *R/K* Direct Inquiries to: 410-396-1266
Analysis Date: 5-11-18

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0204
(First Reader)**

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Introduced and read first time: March 12, 2018

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department

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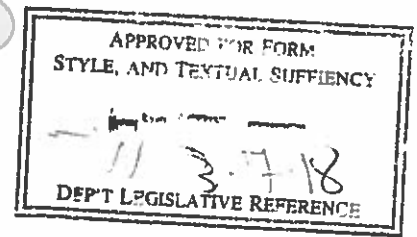
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INTRODUCTORY*
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COUNCIL BILL _____



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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Dangerous Knives – Commercial Display to Minors

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the commercial display of certain dangerous knives to minors; conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the commercial display of dangerous knives.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances
Section(s) 59-23
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 19. Police Ordinances

Subtitle 59. Weapons

Part 3. Other Weapons

§ 59-23. Dangerous knives – Transfer, etc.; COMMERCIAL DISPLAY [, to individuals under 21].

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) *In general.*

In this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(2) *Dangerous knife.*

“Dangerous knife” means any:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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- (i) Bowie knife;
- (ii) dirk knife;
- (iii) gravity knife;
- (iv) shooting knife, as described in State Criminal Law Article § 4-105;
- (v) star knife, as defined in State Criminal Law Article § 4-101;
- (vi) straight razor;
- (vii) switchblade knife, as described in § 59-22 of this subtitle or in State Criminal Law Article § 4-105; or
- (viii) any knife with a blade that is longer than 3 inches.

(3) *Person.*

“Person” means any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity of any kind

(b) *Prohibited transfer, etc., to individuals under 21.*

No person may sell, give, or otherwise transfer a dangerous knife to, or permit the use or possession of a dangerous knife by, any individual that the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe is under the age of 21.

(c) *PROHIBITED COMMERCIAL DISPLAY TO MINORS.*

(1) *PLACEMENT IN WINDOWS PROHIBITED.*

NO PERSON MAY PLACE A DANGEROUS KNIFE IN A WINDOW OF A COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT.

(2) *REQUIRED PLACEMENT IN ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO MINORS.*

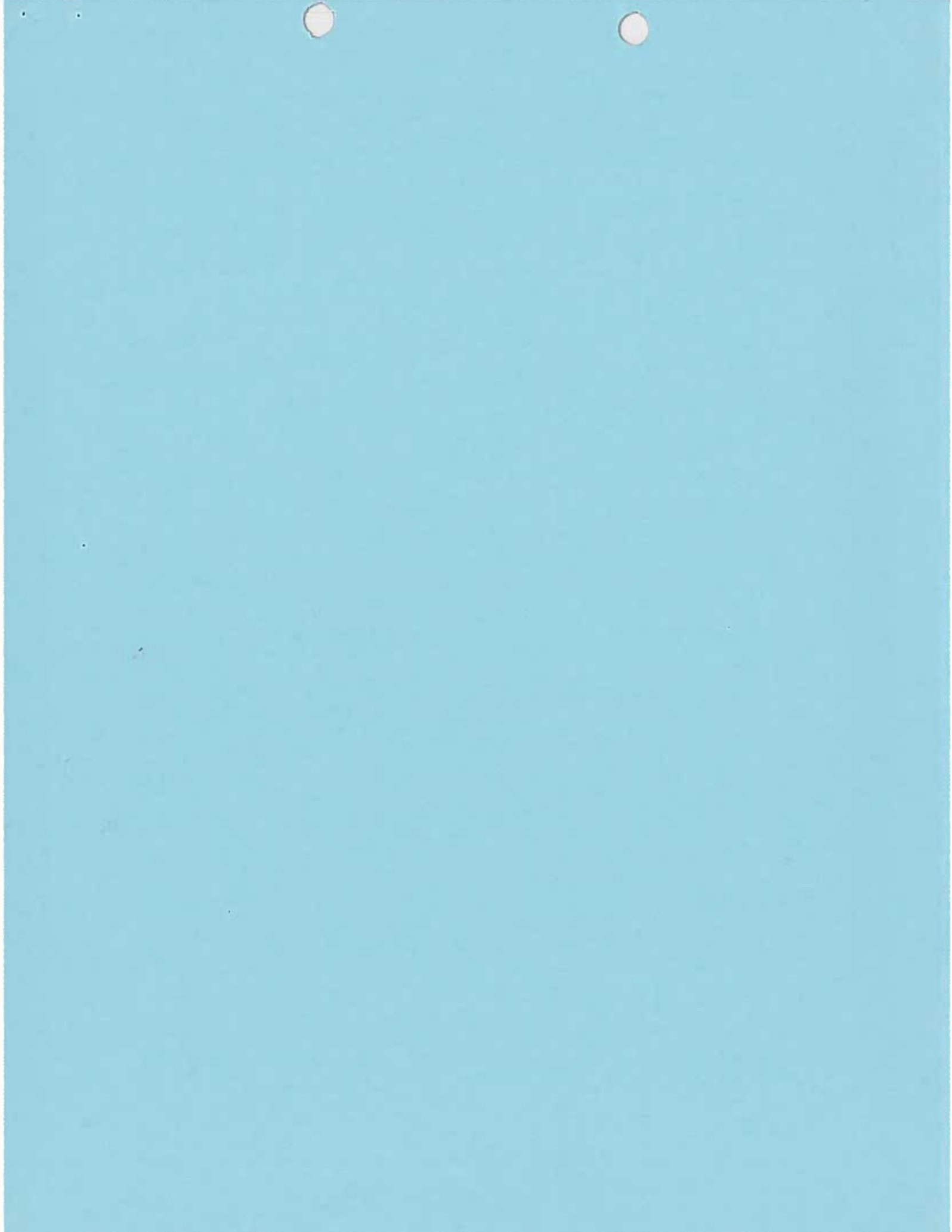
IN ANY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT OPEN TO MINORS, A DANGEROUS KNIFE AVAILABLE FOR SALE MUST BE PLACED BEHIND A SALES COUNTER AND BE INACCESSIBLE TO MINORS.

(d) [(c)] *Penalties.*

Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more than 12 months or to both fine and imprisonment for each offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 5-15- _____ 2018

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF 6-4-18 _____ 20 _____

____ FAVORABLE ____ UNFAVORABLE FAVORABLE AS AMENDED ____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[Signature]
Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

JUN 04 2018
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Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ JUN 11 2018
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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ JUN 11 2018
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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

[Signature]
President

[Signature]
Chief Clerk