

Firearm Dealer Licensing Ordinance

North Fair Oaks Community Council

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Firearm Dealer Ordinance Basics

- Update to existing firearm dealer regulations
- More rigorous regulation of firearm dealers
- Applies in unincorporated areas
- Unlikely to lead to new dealers in North Fair Oaks
- Going before the Board of Supervisors June 8

Firearm Dealer Ordinance Basics

State law:

- Imposes some licensing requirements on firearm dealers.
- Lets local governments impose stricter licensing regulations.
- At least 80 cities and 17 counties in CA require a dealer license.

Firearm Dealer Ordinance – Licensing

- Any person or entity engaged in the business of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring any firearm or ammunition must obtain a license issued by the County Manager.
- All applicants must pass a background check.
- Licenses must be renewed annually.

Firearm Dealer Ordinance – Security Measures

The business location must have:

- Specified security features, i.e. steel bars over windows
- Secure storage of firearms and ammunition
- Alarm system
- Video surveillance
- Limited business hours
- Liability insurance

Firearm Dealer Ordinance – Sensitive Areas

Business location cannot be less than:

- 200 ft from a residential structure;
- 600 ft from a school, community center, church, mosque or synagogue;
- 1,000 ft from a playground, child day care facility or youth center;
- 1,000 ft from any existing licensee.

At present, does not create any permissible locations in NFO.

