



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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## **Village Approves Ban of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines**

On Monday, April 2, the Deerfield Village Board unanimously approved an ordinance that bans the possession, sale and manufacture of assault weapons and large capacity magazines in the Village. The ordinance is based on the City of Highland Park's ordinance, approved in 2013. Following a legal challenge, the Highland Park ordinance was upheld by the Federal Courts.

On February 20, just days after the Parkland, Florida mass shooting, Mayor Rosenthal directed staff and the Village attorney to prepare a report concerning the implementation of a ban on assault weapons similar to that of Highland Park.

“Over four years ago, the state gave home rule communities a window of time to pass some type of assault weapon law with the understanding it could be revisited at a later date,” Rosenthal said. “I believe the time has now come to revisit a complete ban of assault weapons.”

Deerfield approved Ordinance O-13-24 on July 1, 2013, providing definitions of assault weapons and large capacity magazines, and requiring the safe storage and safe transportation of assault weapons in the Village. In the opinion of the Village Attorney, the adoption of ordinance O-13-24 on July 1, 2013 met the time window requirement included in the State of Illinois' Firearm Concealed Carry Act. As a result, the Village preserved the right to amend the ordinance in the future.

“We hope that our local decision helps spur state and national leaders to take steps to make our communities safer,” Rosenthal said.

The ordinance goes into effect June 13, 2018, and does not otherwise regulate or prohibit rifles, shot guns, pistols or ammunition.

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