



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

Village of Deerfield Assault Weapons Ban

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I review the ordinance?

Visit the Village's website at <https://il-deerfield.civicplus.com/707/Assault-Weapons-Ban>.

2. How long until the ordinance goes into effect?

Enforcement of the ordinance will commence on June 13, 2018.

3. What is an assault weapon?

Assault weapons are defined in the ordinance. Typically, an assault weapon is a semiautomatic rifle, pistol, or shotgun that has the capacity to accept more than ten rounds of ammunition plus another feature(s) defined in the ordinance.

4. Are there any exemptions?

There are specific exemptions listed in the ordinance for:

- Officers, agents, or employees of the Village, other municipality or state or of the United States, or the organized militia of this or any other state; or peace officers, but only to the extent that the person is otherwise authorized to acquire or possess an Assault Weapon and/or Large Capacity Magazine and does so while acting within the scope of his or her duties.
- Qualified retired law enforcement officers utilizing safe storage
- Transporting assault weapons or large capacity magazines if such weapons are broken down in a nonfunctioning state and are not immediately accessible to any person.
- Antique firearms manufactured in or before 1898 and safely stored or displayed.

5. Do I have to turn in my high capacity magazines?

Large capacity magazines as defined by the ordinance may be retained if modified to render them permanently inoperable or permanently unable to accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Any other large capacity magazines must be removed from within the limits of the Village or surrendered to the Police Department for disposal.

6. How do I surrender assault weapons or large capacity magazines to the Police Department?

Individuals wishing to surrender an assault weapon may bring it to the Police Department at any time. The weapon should be left secured in an inoperable state in their vehicle. The owner should then enter the police facility unarmed and advise on duty personnel they wish to surrender an assault weapon. An Officer will escort the individual back to the vehicle to arrange for the safe surrender of the assault weapon or large capacity magazines. To ensure the safe transfer of firearms, follow the officer's instructions completely.

7. What is considered safe storage?

Weapons qualifying for possession and safe storage must be secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device, properly engaged so as to render such a weapon or magazine inoperable by any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized user. Specifically and without limitation of the foregoing, any Assault Weapon or Large Capacity Magazine that may be kept within the Village pursuant to this Chapter must be secured from access by minors.

8. Enforcement

The Village intends to enforce this ordinance in a manner consistent with other local ordinances. This ordinance will initially be enforced primarily through education and voluntary compliance. A police officer may issue a citation for a violation of this ordinance in the manner provided by law. Weapons being illegally possessed will be confiscated as authorized by the ordinance. Any other enforcement of this ordinance, including search or seizure to effect this ordinance, must comply with the requirements of State and Federal law. Members of the Department will not go "door to door" to ensure compliance.