

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF MISSOULA
COUNTY OF MISSOULA, STATE OF MONTANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF WEAPONS
IN OR ON CITY PREMISES**

STANDING ORDER

The Court issued a Standing Order regarding Weapons in or on City Premises on February 24, 2021. The Court, having three newly elected Judges, hereby renews that Standing Order:

WHEREAS, House Bill 102 of the 67th Montana Legislature was duly passed by the Legislature and approved (signed into law) by the Governor on February 18, 2021.

As it applies to relevant sections of HB 102, the bill has an immediate effective date "upon passage and approval";

WHEREAS, Section 4 of HB 102 provides as follows:

A person with a current and valid permit issued pursuant to 45-8-321 or recognized pursuant to 45-8-329 may not be prohibited or restricted from exercising that permit anywhere in the state, except:

...

(7) within a courtroom or an area of a courthouse in use by court personnel pursuant to an order of a justice of the peace or judge;

...

WHEREAS, Missoula Municipal Court has two courtrooms in City Hall, 435 Ryman Street; a Courtroom at 416 Ryman St., and a Courtroom in Missoula City Council Chambers at 140 W. Pine St.

WHEREAS, judicial officers routinely handle civil orders of protection and criminal matters that involve high levels of emotion, which may subject the judicial officers to reprisal or attack while walking through open and unsecured areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons, except law enforcement or judicial personnel, including court security, with a current and valid permit, are prohibited from possessing or carrying firearms or other weapons in the first floor of Missoula City Hall, including the entrance ways; the Missoula City Council Building and within 416 Ryman, Missoula, MT. This prohibition specifically extends to persons with a valid permit issued pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §45-8-321 or recognized pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §45-8-329.


SO ORDERED THIS 12th day of January, 2022.



JUDGE JACOB COOLIDGE



JUDGE JENNIFER STREAMANO



JUDGE ELI PARKER