Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 10/27/25 06:30 PM

2025 ORDINANCE NEW ORDINANCE

Ord 25 31

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

WHEREAS the safe storage of firearms is critical to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS. The laws in the State of New Jersey do not comprehensively address gun storage;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex and State of New Jersey as follows:

CHAPTER 562 WEAPONS

ARTICLE IV: SECURE FIREARM STORAGE

§562-8 DEFINITIONS:

a. Firearm

For purposes of the Ordinance, a Firearm is defined as any weapon or gun (including a Starter gun), a rifle, shotgun, including a revolver, automatic weapon or semi-automatic weapon which is designed or may be converted to expel a bullet, shot, or projectile, and shall further include a firearm silencer or muffling device.

b. Ammunition

For purposes of this Ordinance, Ammunition shall be defined as any bullet, shot, shell, rocket, or projectile of any type expelled from a Firearm as defined above.

c. Owner or Authorized User

For purposes of this Ordinance, Owner or Authorized User is defined as any individual who has obtained the necessary permits to purchase and/or carry a firearm under Federal, State and local law.

§562-9 PROPER STORAGE

it shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person:

a. To leave or store a firearm in any place unless the firearm is secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper resistant mechanical lock or other safety device. This section does not apply to a firearm that is being carried by its owner or another lawfully authorized user or a firearm that is in close enough proximity to its owner or another lawfully authorized user that it can be readily carried.

b.   To leave a firearm on any premises under his or her control, whether or not secured as set forth in paragraph a. above, which comes into possession of an individual who is prohibited, under state or federal law, from purchasing or possessing firearms is likely to gain access to the firearm.
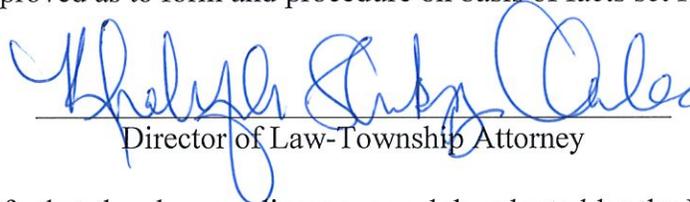
§562-10 EXEMPTIONS

a.   Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a legal owner of a firearm to lawfully keep or carry about the owner's place of business, residence, premises, or other land owned or possessed by the owner, any firearm, or from carrying the firearm, in the manner in accordance with N.J.S.A 2C:39-1 et. seq. or other applicable State and Federal Law governing firearm.

§562-11 Violations and Penalties

a.   Any person violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as provided in **§ 1-15**, General penalty, of this Code.

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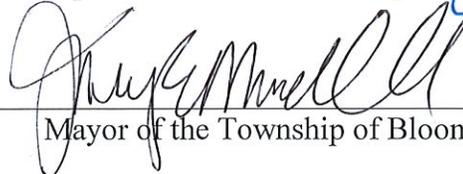Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

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Director of Law-Township Attorney

I hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on October 27, 2025.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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☐ Adopt		**Yes/Aye**	**No/Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
☐ Deny					
☐ Withdrawn	Rosalee Gonzalez	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table	Nicholas Joanow	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Not Discussed					
☐ First Reading	Sarah Cruz	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table with no Vote	Monica Charris Tabares	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Approve	Wartyna Davis	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Veto by Mayor					

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