



Arizona House of Representatives
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

November 18, 2024

Via Email and U.S. Mail

Hon. Kris Mayes
Arizona Attorney General
2005 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Re: Request for S.B. 1487 Investigation – Sedona Ordinance 12.30.090

Dear Attorney General Mayes,

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-194.01, and as current members of the Arizona House of Representatives, we respectfully request an investigation of the City of Sedona’s Ordinance No. 12.30.090.¹ Specifically, we request an investigation of the following question:

Does Sedona Ordinance 12.30.090, which prohibits carrying firearms on “any trail or open space area”, violate A.R.S. § 13-3108?

Over one month ago, on October 9, 2024, we notified Sedona Mayor Jablow and the Sedona City Council of the Ordinance’s apparent legal flaws. (See enclosed letter.) We explained that, as relevant here, cities may only limit or prohibit the discharge of firearms in parks and preserves when certain statutory conditions are met. *See* A.R.S. § 13-3108(G)(5). But here, Ordinance 12.30.090 broadly prohibits “carry[ing] ... firearms” on “any trail or open space area.” These terms—“trail” and “open space area”—are vague and undefined, and naturally encompass more public places than parks and preserves. The City also lacks authority to prohibit individuals from carrying weapons because Arizona respects the right of law-abiding citizens to openly carry a handgun.

We asked the City to conduct a legal analysis of the validity of Ordinance 12.30.090 and ensure that the Ordinance complies with state law. The City has not responded to our letter and, to our knowledge, has not taken any actions to remedy the Ordinance’s legal flaws.

Accordingly, the City has left us with no choice but to request that your Office undertake an investigation. Please review the question identified above and issue a written report within 30 days as required by A.R.S. § 41-194.01(B).

¹ The full text of Ordinance 12.30.090 is available at this link:
<https://sedona.municipal.codes/SCC/12.30.090>

If the City repeals its unlawful Ordinance here, we urge you to take no further action and conclude that your investigation is moot. If you determine that the Ordinance may violate state law, please pursue a special action in the Arizona Supreme Court for judicial resolution of this important matter of statewide concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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Representative, LD1



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