

[Police Code - Possession or Sale of Law Enforcement or Military Ammunition]

Ordinance amending the Police Code, by adding Section 618, to prohibit the possession or sale of certain ammunition, including Black Talon ammunition and ammunition intended exclusively for law enforcement and military purposes.

NOTE: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman*~~. Board amendment additions are double-underlined; Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by adding Section 618, to read as follows:

SEC. 618. PROHIBITED AMMUNITION.

(a) Definition. For purposes of this Section, "Prohibited Ammunition" shall mean:

(1) Ammunition sold under the brand name "Winchester Black Talon," or that has physical properties resulting in ballistics performance identical to ammunition presently or formerly sold under the brand name Winchester Black Talon; or,

(2) Ammunition designated by its manufacturer for purchase by law enforcement or military agencies only, unless other ammunition is available to the general public that has physical properties resulting in ballistics performance identical to such ammunition.

(b) Possession Prohibited; Exceptions. No person, firm, corporation or other entity may possess Prohibited Ammunition within the City and County of San Francisco, except that this subsection shall not apply to the otherwise-lawful possession of Prohibited Ammunition by the following:

1 (1) Peace officers in possession of Prohibited Ammunition issued to them by their
2 employing agency;

3 (2) Federal law enforcement officers or other federal employees in possession of
4 Prohibited Ammunition issued to them by their employing agency;

5 (3) Members of the armed forces of the United States in possession of Prohibited
6 Ammunition issued to them by the military agency to which they belong;

7 (4) Patrol special police officers, animal control officers or zookeepers, harbor police
8 officers, sheriff's security officers, or police security officers in possession of Prohibited Ammunition
9 issued to them by their employing agencies; or,

10 (5) Businesses licensed as firearms dealers under this Article in possession of
11 Prohibited Ammunition for sale to law enforcement and military agencies. Agencies employing
12 persons listed in subsection (b)(4) are considered law enforcement agencies for purposes of this
13 Section.

14 (c) Sale or Transfer. No business licensed as a firearm dealer under this Article may sell,
15 lease or otherwise transfer Prohibited Ammunition except to law enforcement and military agencies.

16 (d) Police Database. The San Francisco Police Department shall prepare or cause to be
17 prepared a public database of brands and product lines of ammunition meeting the definition of
18 "Prohibited Ammunition" in subsection (a). Failure of the Police Department to create or maintain
19 such a database, or the omission from the database of a particular brand or product line of ammunition
20 otherwise qualifying as "Prohibited Ammunition" under subsection (a), shall not be a defense to or
21 otherwise excuse a violation of this Section.


22 (e) Penalty. Violation of any of the provisions of this Section is a misdemeanor and upon
23 conviction the violator may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment in the
24 county jail not to exceed six months, or by both.

1 (f) Severability. If any provision, clause or word of this Section 618 or the application thereof
2 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision,
3 clause, word or application of this Section which can be given effect without the invalid provision,
4 clause or word, and to this end the provisions of this Section are declared to be severable.

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6 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the
7 date of passage.

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9 Section 3. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to
10 amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers,
11 punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Police Code that are
12 explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and
13 Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title
14 of the legislation.

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February 21, 2013 City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee -
RECOMMENDED

March 05, 2013 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener
and Yee

March 12, 2013 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener
and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on
3/12/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the
City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

3/13/13

Date Approved