



# City of Norfolk

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the City of Norfolk will hold a public hearing on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** and being held **VIRTUALLY ONLY**, to **consider whether to adopt an Ordinance drafted by the Committee of Petitioners for the Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Preservation Coalition** proposing to prohibit the City of Norfolk from exercising any authority granted to it to regulate or prohibit the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, carrying, storage or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components, or a combination thereof and, furthermore, to waive the City's sovereign immunity as it relates to any injuries sustained by persons lawfully present on any property owned by the City that it designates as a firearm-free zone. A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance can be viewed at [www.norfolk.gov/proposed2ndamendmentordinance](http://www.norfolk.gov/proposed2ndamendmentordinance). After hearing the views of persons interested in the matter at the public hearing, the Council may vote on whether to approve the proposed Ordinance presented by the Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Preservation Coalition.

The meeting will be held as an electronic meeting pursuant to and in accordance with Ordinance 48,161 and the Governor's amendments to the General Assembly's 2020 budget bill (HB29) found at Section 4-0.01(g). Notification of these meetings can be found online at [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov).

**TO PARTICIPATE BY VIDEOCONFERENCE (VIRTUALLY) YOU WILL NEED TO EITHER EMAIL [CCOUNCIL@NORFOLK.GOV](mailto:CCOUNCIL@NORFOLK.GOV) OR CALL 757-664-4253 AND PROVIDE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER, PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M. THE DAY OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

**Public access to listen to or observe the meeting in real-time without attending the meeting in person will be available through these platforms:**

1. For Norfolk Residents on NorfolkTV-48
2. Through livestream on the City's website:  
<https://www.norfolk.gov/1119/City-Council-Meeting-Videos-Podcasts>
3. Through WebEx Video:  
**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**  
<https://convoice.webex.com>  
Meeting Number: 172 546 0588  
Password: council2020#
4. Through WebEx Phone:  
**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**  
1-415-655-0002

Meeting Number: 172 546 0588

Password: council2020#

The City Clerk will be responsible for receiving comments from the public before the meetings. Anyone who wishes to submit a comment on the proposed Ordinance described above, may participate by videoconference (virtually), phone or email by following these steps **PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M. THE DAY OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

1. Email [ccouncil@norfolk.gov](mailto:ccouncil@norfolk.gov) or call 757-664-4253 and leave a name and phone number. A staff member will call back.
2. For email comments: provide name and comment. The Clerk will note your email for the formal record.
3. To participate by phone: email [ccouncil@norfolk.gov](mailto:ccouncil@norfolk.gov) or call 757-664-4253 and provide name and phone number. A member of the Clerk's staff will call when Council is ready for your comment. The speaker will have up to 3 minutes to address Council.
4. To participate by videoconference (virtually): either email [ccouncil@norfolk.gov](mailto:ccouncil@norfolk.gov) or call 757-664-4253 and provide name and phone number.

A member of the Clerk's staff will unmute you when Council is ready for your comment.

**Note:** Persons needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act are asked to call the City Clerk's Office at 664-4253 at least three days before the meetings.

Richard A. Bull  
City Clerk

Virginian Pilot – Tuesday, November 17, 2020

VIRGINIA: IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK - PETITION OF QUALIFIED VOTERS UNDER THE NORFOLK CITY CHARTER  
REQUESTING THAT THE CITY TO ADOPT 2ND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Preservation Coalition; Committee of Petitioners

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We, as qualified voters in the City of Norfolk, who have signed hereunder, do hereby petition the City Council to consider and adopt the 2nd Amendment Preservation Ordinance written below. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms under the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 13 of the Virginia Constitution. If the council rejects the proposed ordinance, or passes it a form different from that set forth in the petition, or fails to act finally upon it within the time stated, the committee of the petitioners may require that it be submitted to a vote of the electors in its original form.

2nd Amendment Preservation Ordinance

*Section 1: The City of Norfolk shall not exercise any authority granted to it by title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, its Charter, or otherwise to regulate or prohibit the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, carrying, storage or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components, or a combination thereof. This prohibition includes any authority existing at the time of enactment of this Ordinance or any authority extended in the future. The terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning defined in title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia.*

*Section 2: If the City of Norfolk designates any property owned by it as a firearms free zone, the City of Norfolk shall waive its sovereign immunity as it relates to any injuries sustained by persons lawfully present in such firearm-free zone.*