

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-2058**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FIREARMS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND
AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK”.**

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in the Matter of New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n, Inc. v. Bruen, 20-843, 2022 WL 2251305 (June 23, 2022) issued a ruling that a New York law banning the open carrying of firearms was unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, said opinion did indicate that the carrying of firearms can be banned in “sensitive” areas such as government buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park wishes to address this issue by banning the carrying of firearms within any public building owned by the Borough or Board of Education unless the person carrying the firearm is a law enforcement officer.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Highland Park as follows:

1. Chapter 185 of the “Code of the Borough of Highland Park” which regulates firearms and explosives is amended by adding thereto the following new Section 185-2 and shall read as follows:

Section 185-2 Carrying Firearms in Public Buildings. No person shall be permitted to carry any firearm, concealed or otherwise, in any public building at any time, including all public spaces owned, controlled or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Borough of Highland Park, and in any school building or any spaces owned, controlled or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education of the Borough of Highland Park except for any duly appointed law enforcement officer in the course of his or her official duties.

2. Section 185-2 of the current Code is hereby renumbered Section 185-3.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

Introduced and Passed on First Reading: August 2, 2022

Adopted: September 6, 2022

Approved: September 6, 2022

Attest: _____
Jennifer Santiago, Municipal Clerk

Gayle Brill-Mittler, Mayor