

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1288**  
**A RESOLUTION URGING PASSAGE OF STATE AND FEDERAL**  
**LEGISLATION TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE**

**FINDINGS**

The city council of the City of Boulder, Colorado, hereby finds that:

- A. In May of 2018, Boulder City Council adopted an ordinance banning the sale and possession of assault weapons, large-capacity magazines, and multi-burst trigger activators within the city limits (Boulder’s “Assault Weapons Ban”). It also raised the age for legal firearm purchase and possession from eighteen to twenty-one years of age.
- B. In the years since, the city has also advocated for a range of state or federal gun violence prevention legislation that would extend the impact of the city’s ordinance.
- C. On March 12, 2021, a state district court declared that Colorado state law preempted Boulder’s Assault Weapons Ban and consequently enjoined the city from enforcing it.
- D. On March 22, 2021, an assault weapon was used to murder 10 people in a mass shooting at the Table Mesa King Soopers.
- E. The weapon used in the shooting was considered legal to purchase, possess and use in Colorado but had, up until ten days earlier, been prohibited from being purchased, possessed or used in Boulder.
- F. The mass shooting in Boulder was but one of hundreds that have plagued our state and nation over recent years. Each has inflicted profound pain on the surviving victims, the families and loved ones of those who did not survive as well as their entire communities. We are called upon to prevent such suffering from reoccurring.

**RESOLUTION:**

The City Council of the City of Boulder resolves as follows:

Section 1. We strongly urge the city’s state and federal delegation to continue their efforts to pass legislation that could prevent mass shootings. This includes, first and foremost, a ban on assault weapons. It also includes: regulation of short-barreled firearms equipped with pistol braces; a waiting period for firearm purchases of at least six days; the addition of a ten-year firearm prohibition for individuals with conviction of, or outstanding warrants for, violent misdemeanors or crimes that are linked to an increased risk of gun violence; a repeal of the state preemption on local regulation of firearms; universal background checks on all sales of firearms;

requirements for a firearm owner to keep his or her firearm in a locked container or secured with a locking device; a requirement for firearm owners to report an unaccounted-for-firearm, and; an increase in the minimum age to purchase and possess firearms.

Section 2. The city's position on gun violence prevention, contained within the city's 2021 Policy Statement on Regional, State and Federal Policy Issues, shall be amended as described in Section 1 and the position elevated to the top of the state and federal priority list.

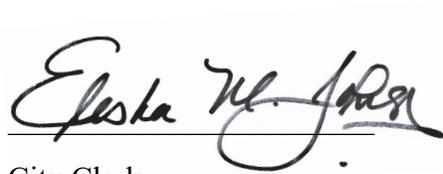
Section 3. Council supports an appeal of the district court decision that enjoined the city from enforcing its restrictions on assault weapons.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

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Mayor

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisa M. Lopez", is written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk