

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 9-2601(p) OF THE FRESNO  
MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO THE USE AND  
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS AND SECURITY

WHEREAS, the Council has approved changes to 9-2601 providing for security  
of City Hall and other City facilities; and

WHEREAS, 9-2601(p) now provides:

The Council, by resolution, may provide for and publish further  
security regulations and/or exceptions to implement this section.

WHEREAS, the Council desires to provide more detailed security regulations so  
that 9-2601 may be implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as  
follows:

1. City Hall Entrance Screening Stations - All persons not excepted by 9-  
2601 or this resolution entering the building are subject to search as follows:

a. Upon entrance the building, members of the public will be guided  
through the screening process by security personnel.

b. The security screening process requires and includes, but is not  
limited to, passage through a metal detector device, a hand-wand or manual  
inspection.

c. Persons can expect to empty their pockets and place all contents  
into a container for screening by visual inspection, an X-ray device or similar  
technology.

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d. Items such as overcoats, purses, briefcases, backpacks, parcels and other hand-carried objects will also be subjected to screening by an X-ray device or similar technology.

e. If screening devices detect items that may be prohibited in the building, security personnel will conduct additional hand-wand and/or physical screening as necessary to verify.

f. Security personnel may also conduct hand-wand and/or physical screening as necessary in the event of a screening device malfunction.

g. Individuals possessing prohibited items will be advised to remove the item from the building or surrender it to security staff for disposal before entrance into the building is permitted.

h. Upon completion of the screening process, persons will be able to collect any personal belongings and enter the building.

i. City employees, unless exempted, shall be subject to the same screening process as all other persons with the exception security personnel may opt to screen their bags and belongings for prohibited items via a visual inspection.

j. City Employee electronic identification cards shall be subject to verification, visually and/or electronically. If employees are not in possession of their electronic identification card, they shall be subjected to the same screening process as member of the public entering the building.

k. If a person exits the building and returns, they will go through the security screening process again.

l. During busy and congested times of the day, particularly early

morning and after lunch, security personnel will prioritize and expedite screening and entry for City employees with identification.

m. City Facilities Management personnel shall have the responsibility and authority to screen large/bulky items using a suitable method when it is not possible or practical to screen the items per the methods listed in this resolution. Reasonable caution shall be exercised to minimize a safety or security risk.

n. City Public Safety personnel (police and fire) shall have the ability to access the building and bypass security to address emergencies or immediate safety and security risks or threats.

o. Authorized City Facilities Management, Information Services Department, and critical emergency response staff shall have after-hours access and the building or bypass security to address emergencies or immediate safety and security risks or threats; also, maintenance employees or contractors who work at City Hall during non-business hours are not required to be screened, but City staff shall take reasonable measures to ensure they are not bringing prohibited items into the building.

2. Pursuant to and subject to the provisions of 9-2601, prohibited items include:

a. Weapons, but are not limited to firearms, stun guns or tasers, switch blade knives/gravity knives having a blade longer than two inches, tear gas, and explosives. Any item or article having the potential to inflict or cause physical harm shall be inspected to determine whether it has been filed, sharpened, honed, or in any other manner altered to the extent that it meets the definition of prohibited weapons as defined in Penal Code Sections 12020 and

171b.

b. Peace officers, as provided in 9-2601, will be allowed to possess employer approved firearms and other weapons in a manner consistent with their employment duties, requirements and limitations.

c. The following are also prohibited, and signs shall be clearly posted at all entrances to City Hall stating they are prohibited:

Batons	Handcuffs/Handcuff Keys	Sharp Metal Cans
Box Cutters	Knitting/Craft Needles	Spray Paint
Ammunition	Knives/Pocket Knives	Razor Blades
Corkscrews	Keychain Weapons	Scissors
Illegal Drugs	Large Glass Bottles	Silverware
Drug Paraphernalia	Large Spray Cans	Stun Guns
Explosives	Laser Pointers	Tools of Any Kind
Replica or Toy Guns	Leatherman Tools	Torch Lighters
Mace or Pepper Spray		

d. Building security personnel and City peace officers shall have the authority to prohibit additional items that may pose a safety/security risk on a case-by-case basis.

e. For City employees and contractors hired by the City, items necessary and appropriate to perform a job function or for food preparation and consumption, such as tools, scissors, kitchen utensils, shall be allowed. Nonetheless, except for the food concessions contractor, any knife with a blade exceeding three inches in length shall be blunt or round tipped only. City Facilities Management personnel shall exercise reasonable caution in allowing items to be brought into the building to minimize safety or security risk associated with doing so.

f. Any prohibited item that may be in the possession or control of a City official or employee within City Hall prior to the effective date of this

resolution, shall be removed from City Hall by the effective date of this resolution.

g. The City Manager may issue additional regulations in consultation with the Police Chief and determination by the City Attorney that the additional regulations are not inconsistent with the Fresno Municipal Code and this resolution.

3. Pursuant to 9-2601(l), Councilmembers shall have continuous electronic key card access to the following areas of City Hall controlled by key card access: Council offices area; all hallways; Council chambers; the City Attorneys' offices; the City Clerk's offices; all stairwells; all external doorways; meeting rooms that Council offices typically utilize for meetings and events. This section does not necessarily grant access to specific offices with keyed locks or specific security requirements (e.g. server rooms/secured records/cash handling areas). Despite having access, no person shall utilize that access for any improper purpose.

4. Pursuant to 9-2601(k)(2), Charter officials may allow guests who will be accompanying them in City Hall (not simply granting entry) to enter with them without passing through security; however the officials shall take reasonable measures to ensure the guests are not in possession of items prohibited in the building.

5. For the purposes of 9-2601 and this resolution, "Charter officials" shall include sitting Fresno City Councilmembers, the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Controller.

6. Any City official or employee, other than Charter officials, desiring entry to City Hall outside of regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, excepting holidays (or earlier morning hours or later evening hours, as may be established), should make prior arrangements for entry through security. If a public

meeting is to take place outside of regular business hours, all persons attending the meeting shall pass through security, and prior arrangements shall be made for security services.

7. The provisions of 9-2601 shall be further implemented as follows:

a. The construction of the fence described in 9-2601(m), shall be constructed as soon as the procurement and construction process can take place. The fenced area shall also provide for emergency pedestrian fire exit from that area. All persons who have entered City Hall through security may also exit through the fenced area; however, no person shall allow unauthorized entry access to anyone from the exterior gates or doors.

b. The Q Street center glass doorway (east doorway) to City Hall shall also be made available for employee only entry during City Hall regular business days from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or earlier morning hours or later evening hours, as may be established), contingent upon funding for this purpose.

c. During Council meetings and for 30 minutes thereafter, the second floor west glass doorways shall be made available for exit only, and attended to by security or another responsible employee to ensure no one shall enter through those doors.

8. The City Manager may establish security regulations for other City facilities that are not inconsistent with any City ordinance or Council resolution, as may be published in an Administrative Order.

9. Council hereby directs the Administration, Staff, and the City Attorney to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution, which may include returning to Council for such further approvals as required, including any amendments to the Annual

Appropriation Resolution or contract approvals.

These regulations shall become effective concurrently with the effective date of the amendments to FMC 9-2601 approved by the Council on February 13, 2020.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Sloan Date