



## Legislation Text

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Council Members Gadus, Grim, Whitman and Hobbs

### **Declaring gun violence, a public health crisis in the City of Toledo; and declaring an emergency.**

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Toledo are living their lives in every growing fear of gun violence on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, more Ohioans died from firearms in 2021 than almost any year on record according to Ohio Department of Health Data; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the State of Ohio became a permit-less carry state, one of twenty-three other states in the country; and

WHEREAS, the number one cause of death for children ages 1-19 in the United States is gun violence with nine of the sixty homicides in Toledo with victims ranging from seven months to nineteen years of age; and

WHEREAS, communities of color are disproportionately impacted by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, a public health crisis is defined as meeting the following criteria:

1. The condition affects many people, is seen as a threat to the public, and is continuing to increase;
2. The condition is distributed unfairly;
3. Preventative measures could reduce the effects of the condition;
4. Those preventative measures are not yet in place; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention outlines a 4-step public health approach to violence prevention, rooted in the scientific method:

1. Define and monitor the problem;
2. Identify risk and protective factors;
3. Develop and test prevention strategies;
4. Assure widespread adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council declares gun violence to be a public health crisis and take appropriate steps to analyze and adopt prevention strategies to reduce the number of residents affected by gun violence.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property of the City, and for the further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective in order to restore peace of mind to residents of Toledo that they will not be negatively affected by gun violence; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption or at the earliest time allowed by law.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_, as an emergency measure: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council