

ORDINANCE 2025-11

AMENDING CHAPTER 24 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION"
OF THE NASHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH SECTION 24.17
"POSSESSION OF WEAPONS WHILE INTOXICATED."

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Nashville, North Carolina:

SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. That Section 24.17 titled "Possession of Weapons while Intoxicated shall read as follows:

Sec. 24-17a. Possession of Weapons While Intoxicated.

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or have immediate control of any firearm or dangerous weapon while under the influence of alcohol within the corporate limits of the Town of Nashville.

Sec. 24-17b Definition.

1. Definition of "Dangerous Weapon":
For the purposes of this section, "dangerous weapon" shall include but not be limited to: Any Bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slungshot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor, shuriken, stun gun, or other similar device intended to inflict serious injury or death.
2. Definition of "Under the Influence of Alcohol":
A person is considered "under the influence of alcohol" if their physical or mental faculties are appreciably impaired by the consumption of alcohol, or if their blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is 0.08 or higher, as determined by a chemical analysis or other reliable evidence.

Sec. 24-17c. Exceptions.

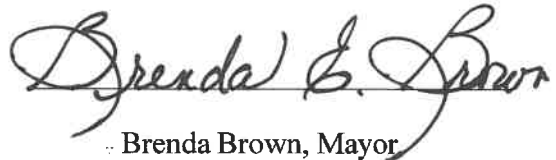
1. Individuals who possess firearms or dangerous weapons on their private property or within their private residence.
2. Situations involving the lawful transport of firearms or dangerous weapons in a locked container or unloaded, as permitted by state and federal law.

Sec. 24-17d. Penalties.

1. Law enforcement officers may detain, and test individuals suspected of being under the influence of alcohol if they are in possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon. Reasonable cause may include observation of erratic behavior, odor of alcohol, or admission of alcohol consumption.
2. Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to: A fine of \$50.00; or imprisonment; or both such fine and imprisonment. Such violation shall result in the seizure of the firearm or dangerous weapon as evidence of the violation.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after 12:01 AM the day after its final passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 19th day March of 2025.


Brenda Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Louise Bennett, Town Clerk

