

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF BYRAM, MISSISSIPPI PROVIDING FOR  
A PROHIBITION OF DEADLY WEAPONS IN AND AROUND  
CITY OWNED OR CITY OCCUPIED FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Byram, Mississippi has the authority and duty to manage public property in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, this authority includes the denial of entry to the property or the emplacement of conditions upon entry onto publically owned property to ensure orderly operations, services and the safety of the employees and visitors to the public property; and

**WHEREAS**, the city is in charge of and responsible for the security of this property and those who utilize it; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby find that the public property of the City of Byram is found to be sensitive places because of the possibility of emotionally charged confrontations and activities concerning municipal responsibilities and the opportunity for opposing or antagonistic parties to be in close proximity to each other and because often the activities taking place within the municipal properties are unpopular; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city is also responsible for properly managing its open spaces, athletic fields, parks and other recreational areas, which are frequented by children; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the city to ensure that these public buildings and facilities, including open spaces, are managed in an orderly and safe fashion to maximize their functionality and use by city employees, vendors, visitors and the general public.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Byram, Mississippi as follows, to wit:

**ARTICLE I**

The carrying of any firearm or deadly weapon in or around any city owned or city occupied facility is hereby prohibited.

**ARTICLE II**

It is the responsibility of the Mayor to ensure that written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten feet (10') shall be posted at all entrances of each city owned building or facility stating that the carrying of a firearm or other deadly weapon is prohibited.

**ARTICLE III**

The Ordinance established hereby shall exclude and not apply to any duly authorized law enforcement officer.

**ARTICLE IV**

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment, not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.

**ARTICLE V**

This Ordinance, having been adopted, shall be in force and effective in thirty (30) days of this date.

ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Byram, Hinds County, Mississippi at its regular meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

MOTION made to adopt the foregoing Ordinance was made by Alderman Douglas and SECONDED by Alderman Marble and the foregoing having first been reduced to writing, was submitted to a Roll Call Vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Alday voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Douglas voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Ford voted:	<u>Nay</u>
Alderman Marble voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman White voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance carried and the Ordinance adopted. The foregoing Ordinance is approved this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

CITY OF BYRAM, MISSISSIPPI

Signed/By: NICK TREMONTE, MAYOR

ATTEST: Signed/By: ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK