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Columbus City Attorney Files Appeal of Court's Bump Stock Decision

In July ruling, court upheld city ordinance prohibiting violent criminals and domestic abusers from illegally possessing firearms while blocking bump stock ban

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus has formally appealed the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas earlier decision that found the city's ordinance banning bump stocks to be in conflict with state law. The City Attorney's filing offers six points, or assignments of error, for the 10th District Court of Appeals to consider when reviewing the lower court's decision.

In May 2018, Columbus City Council passed four ordinances that made dozens of technical and substantive changes to the city's criminal codes related to firearms offenses. After this host of common sense gun regulations went into effect in June, two gun lobby groups, Ohioans for Concealed Carry and the Buckeye Firearms Foundation, sued the city on only two of Columbus' provisions, the new weapons under disability statute to conform city code with federal prohibitions and the city's ban on illegal rate-of-fire acceleration accessories such as bump stocks. The plaintiffs prevailed on only one of those points: whether bump stocks are considered gun accessories or gun components.

“We made dozens of common sense changes to our gun laws to make our community safer, and all but one either went unchallenged or was upheld by a court,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“We remain confident that bump stocks are an accessory that we have the legal authority to regulate, and we intend to vigorously defend our court victory that keeps guns out of the hands of domestic violence abusers.”**

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