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Ohio Supreme Court Upholds Columbus' Local Gun Ordinances

COLUMBUS – Today, the Ohio Supreme Court issued a 4-3 decision affirming a lower court ruling on two Columbus gun ordinances. The decision means that Columbus will continue to enforce its weapons under disability ordinance prohibiting any individual convicted of a misdemeanor domestic violence charge from possessing a firearm.

“This court victory is one for community safety,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. “Columbus leaders have a responsibility and home-rule authority to make rules that help keep our residents safe. And we will continue to do what we can to address gun violence and fight back against the gun lobby’s meritless efforts.”

The City focused its argument on Ohioans for Concealed Carry’s lack of standing in bringing the case, which was affirmed by the 10th District Court of Appeals in 2019. The City said that the individual plaintiff listed on the complaint has neither alleged that that he owns a gun nor considered purchasing one, and thus has no legal right to challenge the ordinances. It also pointed out that none of the Plaintiffs have suffered any harm as a result of the City’s ordinances. The City also argued that the bump stock portion of the complaint has been rendered moot because a federal law banned the devices in 2019 and the City subsequently repealed its related ordinance.

In 2018, Ohioans for Concealed Carry brought suit against the City regarding ordinances banning bump stocks and restricting the ability for residents with misdemeanor domestic violence convictions to possess firearms.

Today’s opinion can be found [here](#).

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