

ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-24
SPONSOR: MAYOR NEUGEBAUER
INTRODUCED: DECEMBER 10, 2019 **ASSIGNED TO:** _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 242.06 ENTITLED “TACTICAL MEDICS; CARRYING OF FIREARMS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREEN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 109.771 establishes the conditions under which a Tactical Paramedic could be authorized to carry a firearm; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green presently has Paramedics from the Fire Division assigned to serve as medical support to the Summit County Sheriff’s SWAT team; and

WHEREAS, this team of paramedics, referred to as Tactical Medics, is required to operate in austere environments when supporting the Summit County Sheriff’s SWAT officers; and

WHEREAS, the Tactical Medics may be faced with extreme danger and uncertainty as they perform their official duties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green is desirous of taking all steps necessary in order to protect these individuals as they perform their official duties as City of Green Tactical Paramedics; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable means of protecting the Tactical Medics is to enable the members to carry a firearm while functioning as part of the Summit County Sheriff’s SWAT Team; and

WHEREAS, the primary duties of the Tactical Medic when caring for a casualty are to defend the casualty and oneself.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION ONE:

The Codified Ordinances of the City of Green, Section 242.06 “Tactical Medics; Carrying of Firearms” is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 242.06 TACTICAL MEDICS; CARRYING OF FIREARMS.

(a) Tactical Paramedics assigned by the Fire Chief and confirmed by the Sheriff of Summit County to serve as medical support to the Summit County Sheriff’s SWAT Team, who have met the training requirements established by Fire Division Policy, Summit County Sheriff’s Office training policy and the State of Ohio; and have been authorized to carry by the Fire Chief, shall be permitted to carry a firearm while functioning as a Tactical Paramedic with the SCSO SWAT Team including on callouts, special assignments, stand-by events, training and travel to and from training, and call outs.

- (b) Tactical Medics authorized to carry a firearm shall be required to provide their own weapon and it shall meet the same specifications as required of the SCSO SWAT Operators and be inspected and approved by the law enforcement Firearms Training Bureau.
- (c) Upon selection as a Tactical Medic, and prior to authorization to carry a firearm, the member shall meet the policy and training requirements of the Fire Division and Sheriff's Office and all training requirements established by the State of Ohio for Tactical Paramedics, including but not limited to;
 - a. Use of force training pursuant to law enforcement training guidelines.
 - b. Successful completion of firearms qualification testing on an annual basis.
 - c. Weapons retention training pursuant to law enforcement training guidelines.
- (d) The assigned Fire Division Tactical Medics shall comply with the provisions of the Fire Division's "Firearms Policy."

SECTION TWO:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in open meeting of this Council and any deliberations of this City and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

SECTION THREE:

Green City Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Green. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: _____, 2019

Molly Kapeluck, Clerk of Council

Bob Young, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2019

Gerard M. Neugebauer, Mayor

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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk of Council

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