

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** December 31, 2018

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**To:** The City Manager

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**From:** Catrina Thompson, Chief of Police

**Council Action Requested:**

Ordinance Amending Section 38-10(f) of the City Code to Allow Sworn Law Enforcement Officers who Retired from the Winston-Salem Police Department to Qualify to Carry Concealed Weapons Through Training and Qualification Administered at the Firearms Range.

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community  
**Strategic Objective:** Improve Public Safety Service Quality  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

Under the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004," retired law enforcement officers are allowed to carry concealed nationwide if they meet the definition of a "qualified retired law enforcement officer" under the Act and, within the most recent 12-month period, have met the same State standards applicable to active law enforcement officers for carrying firearms. Those State standards may be met by either: (1) training or qualifying with the agency from which they retired; or (2) by training and qualifying with a Criminal Justice Commission certified Law Enforcement Specialized Firearms instructor. While a North Carolina carry concealed permit would allow retired officers to carry concealed within North Carolina and states with reciprocity as to carry concealed permits, training and qualification under the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004" allows retired officer to carry concealed in any State so long as other applicable laws, ordinances and regulations are followed.

The Police Department wishes to allow its retired officers to take advantage of the Firearms Range for the training and qualification outlined above. As City Code Section 38-10(f) is currently written, however, it would be unlawful for retired officers to discharge firearms at the Firearms Range. The proposed amendment to City Code Section 38-10(f) would allow retired officers to use the Firearms Range for training and qualification for carry concealed purposes without violation of City ordinance.

**Committee Action:**

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| <b>Committee</b> | Public Safety 11/14/19 | <b>Action</b>  | Approval |
| <b>For</b>       | Unanimous              | <b>Against</b> |          |
| <b>Remarks:</b>  |                        |                |          |