

RES17-070

Wilmington, Delaware
September 21, 2017

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Sponsor:

**Council
President
Shabazz**

Co-Sponsors:

**Council
Members
Walsh
McCoy**

WHEREAS, during the most recent presidential election campaign, President Donald Trump made it apparent that he would be in support of concealed carry reciprocity. Legislation on the topic has since been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives as H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, and in the U.S. Senate as S. 446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017; and

WHEREAS, these bills would allow an individual with a valid carry permit in one state, to carry or possess a concealed handgun in another state that also permits concealed firearms; and

WHEREAS, in Delaware, there are specific regulations in place regarding carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The legislation presented at the federal level would essentially allow any individual with a valid carry permit issued in any state to carry a concealed weapon in any other state, which could result in additional firearms being brought into, and carried in, various cities - including Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, leaders in cities across the country have expressed concerns over the implications of this legislation related to the Gun-Free School Zone Act, which makes carrying a gun in a school zone a federal crime, as well as other local, state and federal policies and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has been working tirelessly to reduce the public health epidemic of gun violence in the City; and

WHEREAS, this legislation could make it difficult for the Wilmington Police Department to enforce appropriate regulations that would ensure the safety of those who reside in and visit this City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council stands in opposition to S. 446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, and H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017. These bills could potentially hinder the ability of the City and its law enforcement officials to maintain a safe environment for the people of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council,
September 21, 2017

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 15th
day of September, 2017.

Elizabeth D. Power
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution opposes two bills being considered before the United States Congress – S. 446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, and H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 – on the basis that such provisions could result in more guns being brought into cities, and could hinder the ability of law enforcement officials to maintain public safety.