

ORDINANCE NO. 6238 of 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 32-62 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROHIBITING POSSESSION OR CARRIAGE IN A MOTOR VEHICLE ON PUBLIC ROADS OF FIREARMS WITH A MAGAZINE CAPABLE OF HOLDING MORE THAN 20 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there is an increase in deaths from firearms and gun violence generally in this jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, citizens are calling on the various governments, agencies and elected officials to address the increase in gun violence;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is authorized to address gun violence by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance limiting the magazine capacity of firearms on Parish roads would aid in addressing the gun violence that the citizens are experiencing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 32-62 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted as follows:

“Sec. 32-62. – Possession or carriage of certain firearms prohibited.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or carry in or on a motor vehicle operated or otherwise present on the roads of this Parish a loaded firearm or firearms with a magazine capable of holding more than 20 rounds of ammunition.
- (b) Whoever is found guilty of violating this section of the Code of Ordinances shall be fined not more than \$500.00, imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than six months, or both.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date