

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# **GUN AND AMMUNITION DEALER ORDINANCE**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR  
LA COUNTY PLANNING



# BACKGROUND

- On September 13, 2022, February 7, 2023, and May 16, 2023, the County (County) of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors adopted Motions directing County Counsel and Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) to develop an ordinance to amend County Code Title 7 to update existing Gun Dealer requirements and to require Ammunition Dealers to obtain a County Business License and comply with the same operational requirements as Gun Dealers in the County Unincorporated area.

# BACKGROUND

- The purpose of the proposed Gun and Ammunition Dealers Ordinance is to amend regulations at a local level to coincide with the California Penal Code, and to enhance the regulation of Gun and Ammunition Dealers in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare.

# KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Requires Ammunition Dealers to obtain a Business License
- Restricts minors' presence in Gun and Ammunition stores
- Requires specific signage to be posted
- Requires the maintenance of annual sales and real-time inventory reports and a fingerprint log for all purchasers of Guns and Ammunition

# KEY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

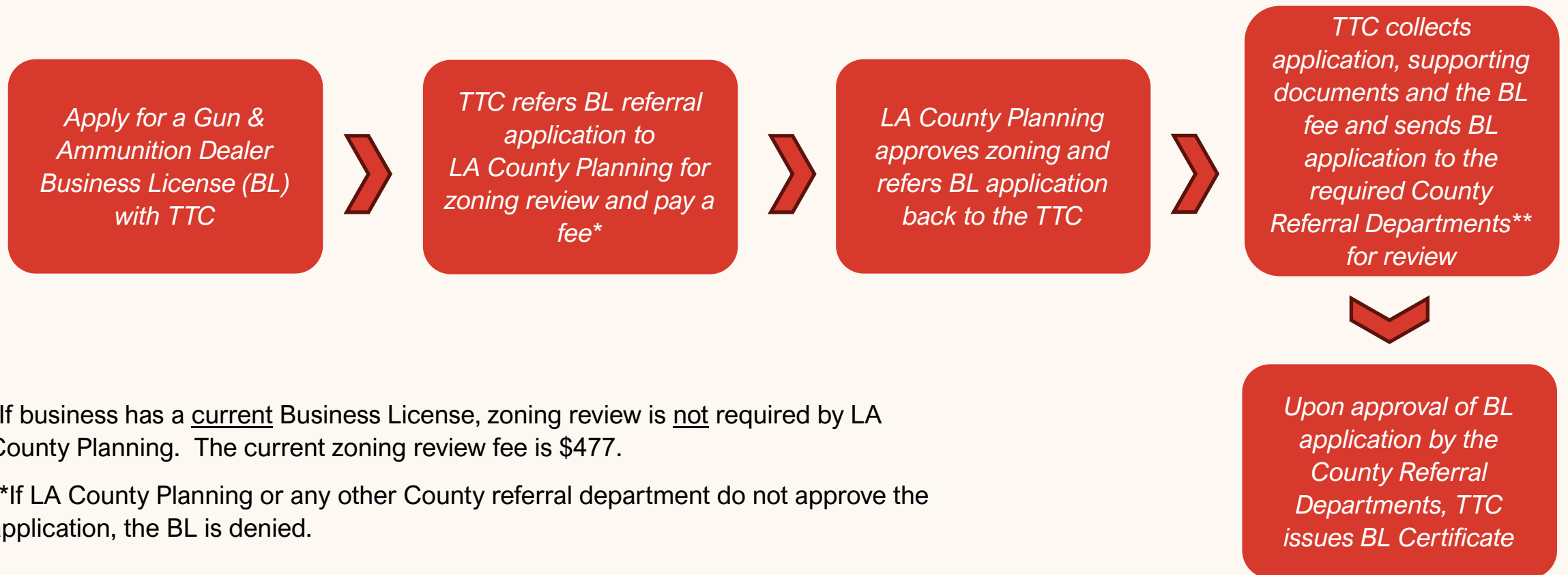
- Requires the installation and maintenance of security camera and audio recording systems
- Requires an approved firearm safety device upon delivery of any gun sold, leased, or transferred
- Requires liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000
- A Licensee must comply with California Penal Code section 236.40 regarding warning notices on firearm packaging and descriptive material accompanying firearms sold or transferred by a Licensee

# SIGNAGE REQUIREMENT

- Display signage prominently on the premises:

**WARNING: ACCESS TO A FIREARM IN THE HOME SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE RISK OF SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, DEATH DURING DOMESTIC DISPUTES AND UNINTENTIONAL DEATHS TO CHILDREN, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND OTHERS. IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS EXPERIENCING DISTRESS AND/OR DEPRESSION CALL THE SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE AT (800) 273-8255 OR THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE AT 988.**

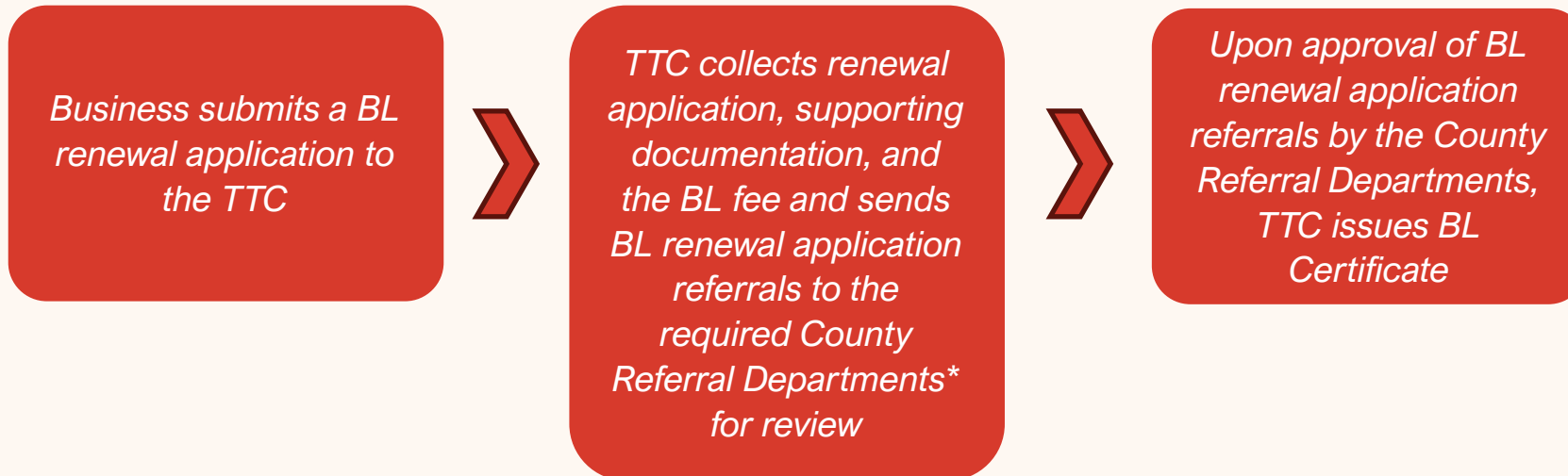
# BUSINESS LICENSE WORKFLOW INITIAL APPLICATION



\*If business has a current Business License, zoning review is not required by LA County Planning. The current zoning review fee is \$477.

\*\*If LA County Planning or any other County referral department do not approve the application, the BL is denied.

# BUSINESS LICENSE WORKFLOW RENEWAL APPLICATION



\*If any County referral department does not approve the renewal application, the Business License is denied.



# REQUIRED COUNTY REFERRAL DEPARTMENTS

- The following County departments are required to review and approve the initial Business License application:

*LA County Planning*

*Sheriff*

*Fire*

*CEO Risk Management*

*Treasurer and Tax Collector*

# ENFORCEMENT

- Business License revocation for noncompliance with Title 7 requirements
- Public posting on TTC website of names and addresses of suspended and revoked Gun and Ammunition Dealer Licensees
- Violation of a County ordinance is a misdemeanor (LACC 1.24.010), punishable with a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months or by both fine and imprisonment

# ENFORCEMENT (CONTINUED)

- Pursuant to Government Code section 25132 and LACC 1.23.080, a violator may also be subject to a civil action by County Counsel, including but not limited to an injunction and a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 per violation, per day, as well as attorneys' fees
- Penalties are nonexclusive and can be cumulative

# PROPOSED BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

<b>Initial Application</b>	<b>\$954</b>
<b>Renewal</b>	<b>\$577</b>

- The fees charged for a County Business License are developed to recover the actual costs to administer and enforce the Business License Program.

# ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

<b>Board Hearing 1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Board Hearing 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Compliance Date (Current Licensees)</b>
October 24, 2023 (planned)	October 31, 2023 (planned)	30 days after Board approval	180 days after Effective Date

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What's the next step once the Board approves the proposed ordinance?

- All current licensees in the County Unincorporated area will need to apply for a Business License within six months of the ordinance effective date.
- Current licensees will not be required to apply for Zoning approval from the LA County Planning department when applying for renewal of a current Business License.
- All new Gun and Ammunition Dealer businesses in County Unincorporated areas must apply for a Business License by the ordinance effective date.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **2. If I move my business to a new location do I need to apply for a new business license?**

- Yes. Pursuant to Title 7, Section 7.06.280, Business Licenses can not be transferred to a different location. You must apply as a new business and also obtain Zoning approval through Regional Planning. The cost for Zoning approval is \$477.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **3. Are there additional requirements if am selling used firearms?**

- Yes, per State law and the State Department of Justice guidance, Firearms dealers that pawn, buy, sell, consign, trade, or auction secondhand firearms are required to have a State Secondhand or Pawnbroker license.
- Additionally, the County Code at Title 7 requires a Business License for Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers. If you operate one of these businesses and sell used Firearms in addition to other items, you need to obtain a Gun and Ammunition Dealer Business License, as well as a Secondhand Dealers or Pawnbrokers Business License.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **4. Will the proposed ordinance apply to TTC's Contract Cities of Santa Clarita, Malibu, and Westlake Village?**

- No, it will not. It will only apply to businesses located in the Unincorporated Areas of the County. However, the proposed ordinance may take effect in TTC's Contract Cities in the future, if adopted by the Contract Cities.

# Thank you!



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# Background

On February 7, 2023, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors directed LA County Planning to prepare an ordinance to amend Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to enhance gun regulations in Los Angeles County.

# Project Summary

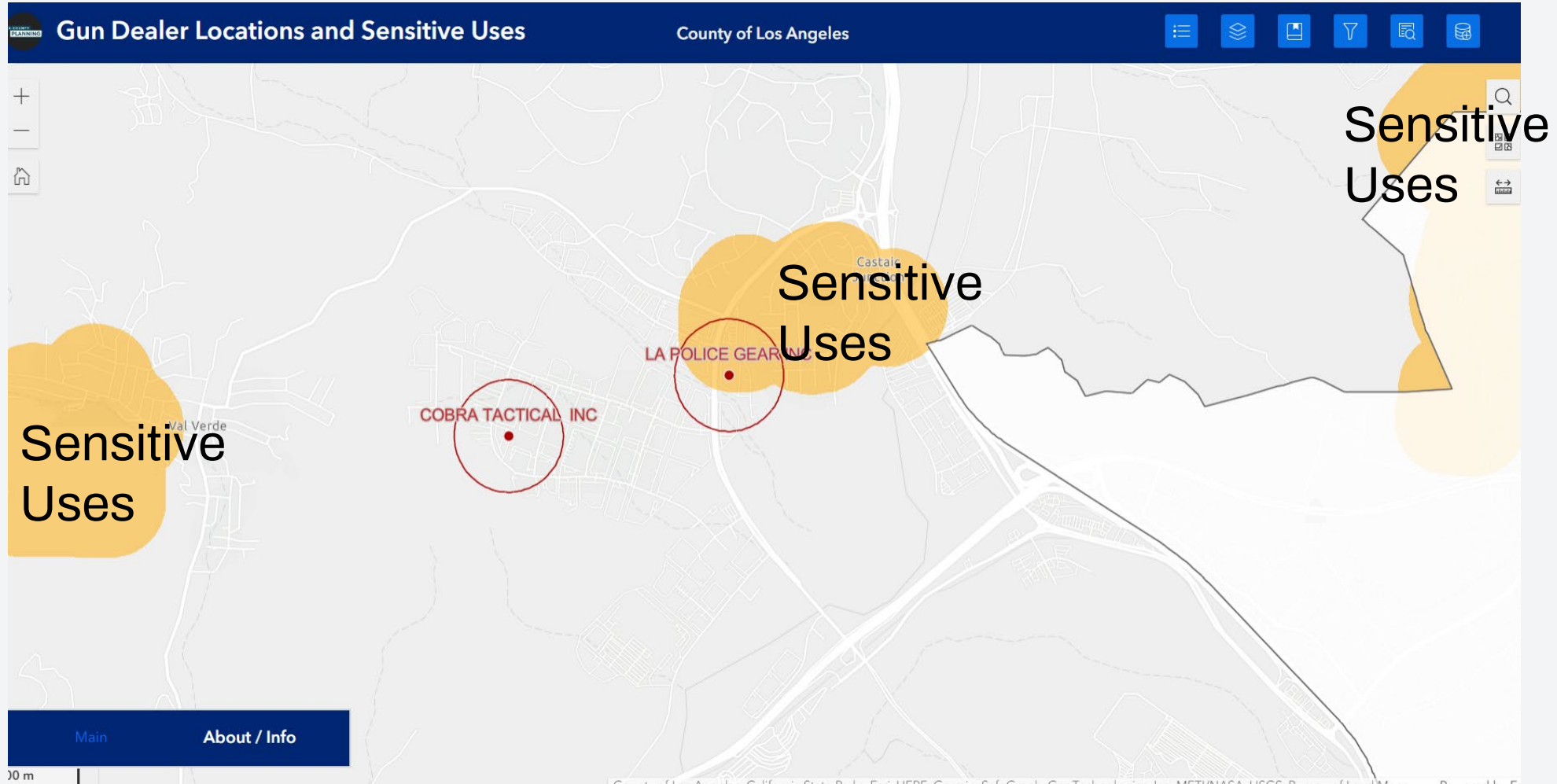
## Today

- No Definition
- Site Plan Review

## Gun Dealer Ordinance

- Add Definition
- Zoning
- Conditional Use Permit
- 1,000 ft Buffer

# 1,000 Foot Buffer



# Nonconforming Uses

- Existing Uses
- Termination period shall not apply

# Project Schedule

1. August 17, 2023 – Start of Public Hearing Review Period
2. September 20, 2023 – Planning Commission Hearing
3. December 5, 2023 – BOS Hearing

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/gun-dealer-ordinance/>



# Questions