

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2022-0389**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR
FIREARM ACQUISITION AND PROHIBITING THE SALE OF AR-15-STYLE
RIFLES**

WHEREAS, 80% to 90% of Americans support the creation of a law that requires a person to pass a background check before acquiring a firearm, including sales that occur between private parties and at gun shows; and

WHEREAS, universal background checks for firearm acquisition would make it less likely that a person who cannot legally possess a gun would be able to acquire one; and

WHEREAS, semi-automatic AR-15-style rifles are not necessary for hunting, are unnecessary for self-defense, and are designed to accurately fire a high volume of rounds a long distance in a short period of time; and

WHEREAS, due to the characteristics of semi-automatic AR-15-style rifles, they are too easily used to carry out mass shootings; and

WHEREAS, AR-15-style rifles became legal to purchase in 2004 and have been used to carry out at least the following mass shootings:

- May 24, 2022: Uvalde, TX – Robb Elementary School – 21 killed
- Feb. 14, 2018: Parkland, FL – Stoneman Douglas High School - 17 killed
- Oct. 1, 2017: Las Vegas, NV – Route 91 Harvest Music Festival - 58 killed
- Nov. 5, 2017: Sutherland Springs, TX – First Baptist Church – 26 killed
- June 12, 2016: Orlando, FL – Pulse Nightclub – 49 killed
- Dec. 2, 2015: San Bernardino, CA – Inland Regional Center - 14 killed
- Dec. 14, 2012: Newtown, CT – Sandy Hook Elementary School - 27 killed

WHEREAS, there are many other firearm options available that are functional for hunting and self-defense without carrying the same level of risk for mass shootings that is associated with an AR-15-style rifle; and

WHEREAS, in the first 5 months of this year, there have been at least 231 mass shootings in the United States in which 1,006 people were injured by gunfire and 256 were killed by gunfire;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City Of West Allis, in the State of Wisconsin, as follows:

the State of Wisconsin should join 21 other states and require a universal background check on any person who wishes to acquire a firearm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Wisconsin should prohibit the sale of AR-15-style rifles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin State Legislature.

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “R-2022-0389” of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

R-2022-0389(*Added*)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Angelito Tenorio	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Vince Vitale	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Tracy Stefanski	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Thomas Lajsic	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Rosalie Reinke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor City Of West
Allis