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Public Safety Committee Will Take Up Concealed Carry Measures

*Tomorrow's meeting includes files sponsored by Alderwoman Coggs that address
concealed firearms in taverns, city-owned buildings*

Persons would be specifically prohibited from carrying concealed firearms in city-owned buildings – including City Hall – under a resolution that will be considered by the Common Council's Public Safety Committee tomorrow.

The legislation – sponsored by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** – is one of two related files **to be considered tomorrow (Wednesday, September 14, 2011) by the Public Safety Committee when it meets at 9 a.m. in room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

A second resolution would urge licensed tavern owners to post signs indicating that persons are not allowed to carry concealed firearms on the premises.

Council file #110469 (co-sponsored by **Alderman Willie C. Wade**) directs the Department of Public Works to post signs on all city-owned buildings indicating that firearms and other dangerous weapons are prohibited. The "concealed carry law" – 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 – provides that the city may prohibit the carrying of firearms upon or within buildings owned by, occupied by or under the control of the city if notice is given prohibiting firearms. Notice may be given by posting a sign that is at least 5 inches by 7 inches and is located in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the part of the building to which the restriction applies, and where any individual entering can be reasonably expected to see the sign.

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Concealed Carry Files/ADD ONE

The tavern resolution – file # 110624 – urges licensed taverns to exercise the ability under Wisconsin Act 35 to post signs indicating that carrying concealed firearms is prohibited. According to the file, a person carrying a concealed firearm “into nonresidential buildings or onto the grounds of nonresidential buildings after notice that firearms are not permitted may be subject to a Class B forfeiture penalty of up to \$1,000 under Wisconsin trespass statutes.”

Alderwoman Coggs said the files are meant to help protect life and safety in the city at a time when firearm violence is a major problem.

“It is our job as Common Council members to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and these files will help ensure that the law is followed and that people will have an assumption that firearms are not being carried in taverns where the notice is posted, and in all city-owned buildings,” Alderwoman Coggs said.