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Council approves legislation in opposition to concealed carry changes

During today's meeting of the Common Council, the Council adopted file #210663 - Resolution expressing opposition to a reduction in the minimum age requirement to obtain a license to carry a concealed weapon and directing the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division to lobby in opposition to the legislation. The Council also adopted file #210664 -Resolution expressing opposition to allowing a person who has a license to carry a concealed weapon to possess a firearm in a vehicle on the grounds of a school and directing the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division to lobby in opposition to the legislation. The files, sponsored by **Common Council President Cavalier Johnson**, oppose legislation in Madison that would lower the age to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon to 18, and allow permit holders to have guns in vehicles on school grounds.

“At a time when local leaders are working to reduce gun violence in our communities, we need additional support from those in Madison to adequately address this issue that impacts many parts of our state,” President Johnson said. “Research has indicated that concealed carry laws have been associated with increases in violent crime, and that the regions of the brain responsible for decision making are still developing until a person reaches their early to mid-20s. Considering these things together, it clearly seems like a bad idea to allow those under 21 the ability to carry a concealed weapon, and I’m glad the City is on record in opposition to these items.”

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