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Arizona House of Representatives  
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## Representatives Quang Nguyen & Selina Bliss Seek Attorney General's Investigation Into Sedona Firearms Ordinance

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Arizona State Representatives Quang Nguyen and Selina Bliss have written to state Attorney General Kris Mayes formally requesting that her office investigate the legality of Sedona Ordinance 12.30.090. This request follows a month-long period in which the City of Sedona failed to respond to earlier concerns raised by Representative Nguyen regarding the ordinance's compliance with Arizona law ([see October 9 letter](#)).

The ordinance, which prohibits the carrying of firearms on “any trail or open space area,” has come under fire for potentially violating Arizona Revised Statutes § 13-3108, which limits local governments' authority to regulate firearms. Terms such as “trail” and “open space area” are vague, overly broad, and extend beyond the boundaries of what state law allows cities to regulate.

In a letter today to the Attorney General, Representatives Nguyen and Bliss requested a prompt review of the matter and a written report within 30 days, as mandated by state law. They also urged the Attorney General to seek judicial intervention if necessary to ensure state laws protecting Second Amendment rights are upheld.

**“The City of Sedona has had ample time to address these concerns and has chosen not to act,”** said Representative Nguyen, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee. **“We are left with no choice but to seek the Attorney General's involvement to ensure the rule of law is followed.”**

Representatives Nguyen and Bliss stated that no further action would be necessary if Sedona voluntarily repeals the ordinance. A copy of their letter is attached below.

*Quang Nguyen is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 1 in Yavapai County and is Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Follow him on X/Twitter at @QuangNguyenAZ.*

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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Hon. Kris Mayes  
Arizona Attorney General  
2005 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

**Re: Request for S.B. 1487 Investigation – Sedona Ordinance 12.30.090**

Dear Attorney General Mayes,

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-194.01, and as current members of the Arizona House of Representatives, we respectfully request an investigation of the City of Sedona’s Ordinance No. 12.30.090.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, we request an investigation of the following question:

Does Sedona Ordinance 12.30.090, which prohibits carrying firearms on “any trail or open space area”, violate A.R.S. § 13-3108?

Over one month ago, on October 9, 2024, we notified Sedona Mayor Jablow and the Sedona City Council of the Ordinance’s apparent legal flaws. (See enclosed letter.) We explained that, as relevant here, cities may only limit or prohibit the discharge of firearms in parks and preserves when certain statutory conditions are met. *See* A.R.S. § 13-3108(G)(5). But here, Ordinance 12.30.090 broadly prohibits “carry[ing] ... firearms” on “any trail or open space area.” These terms—“trail” and “open space area”—are vague and undefined, and naturally encompass more public places than parks and preserves. The City also lacks authority to prohibit individuals from carrying weapons because Arizona respects the right of law-abiding citizens to openly carry a handgun.

We asked the City to conduct a legal analysis of the validity of Ordinance 12.30.090 and ensure that the Ordinance complies with state law. The City has not responded to our letter and, to our knowledge, has not taken any actions to remedy the Ordinance’s legal flaws.

Accordingly, the City has left us with no choice but to request that your Office undertake an investigation. Please review the question identified above and issue a written report within 30 days as required by A.R.S. § 41-194.01(B).

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<sup>1</sup> The full text of Ordinance 12.30.090 is available at this link:  
<https://sedona.municipal.codes/SCC/12.30.090>

If the City repeals its unlawful Ordinance here, we urge you to take no further action and conclude that your investigation is moot. If you determine that the Ordinance may violate state law, please pursue a special action in the Arizona Supreme Court for judicial resolution of this important matter of statewide concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Quang Nguyen  
Representative, LD1



Selina Bliss  
Representative, LD1