

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - 2026

RESOLVED, that this Board hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 209.141(4) of the Laws of Westchester County on Local Law Intro. No. ____ - 2026, entitled, "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 529 of the Laws of Westchester County to add a requirement to post a graphic image of the dangers of weapons or firearms." The public hearing will be held at __.m. on the _____ day of _____, 2026 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. The Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the time and date of such hearing to be published at least once in one or more newspapers published in the County of Westchester and selected by the Clerk of the Board for that purpose in the manner and time required by law.

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee recommends adoption of “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 529 of the Laws of Westchester County to add a requirement to post a graphic image of the dangers of weapons or firearms.”

Your Committee is advised that that according to Everytown for Gun Safety, one of the largest gun violence prevention organizations in America, access to firearms significantly increases the risk of death by suicide, domestic dispute, homicide, and unintentional gunshot. Gun owners and those contemplating buying guns should know about the risks associated with guns. Accordingly, as a means of promoting safety, in June of 2022, this Honorable Board enacted Local Law No 8 of 2022, which added Chapter 529 to the Laws of Westchester County. Chapter 529 requires every person, firm or corporation located in the County and engaged in the retail business of selling weapons to post notices in two locations where weapons or firearms are displayed or delivered to the purchaser warning of the dangers of having firearms in the home, and requires the County Clerk to also provide a copy of the notice upon the issuance of a pistol license. The sign also includes the telephone numbers for the County Crisis Prevention and Response Team and the National Suicide Hotline. Requiring gun dealers to inform purchasers of the risks associated with firearms promotes safety, enables buyers to make educated decisions about owning and storing guns and is a meaningful step towards preventing gun violence.

Your Committee is further advised that this proposed legislation builds upon the County’s existing requirement for firearm safety warning signs by mandating that a graphic firearm safety warning sign also be placed adjacent to, and given with, such written warning sign. Specifically,

Chapter 529 of the Laws of Westchester will be amended to require every person, firm or corporation located in the County of Westchester and engaged in the retail business of selling weapons, in addition to posting a notice in the place where such weapons or firearms are displayed or delivered to the purchaser at the entrance to the site and in at least one additional area where sales occur conspicuously warning of the dangers of firearms, to also post a graphic image. Such graphic image shall be developed and/or approved by the County Department of Health and shall be placed adjacent to the written sign warning of the dangers of firearms. Upon the issuance of a firearm license, the County Clerk will also be required to provide the licensee a copy of the graphic warning sign in addition to a copy of the written notice indicating the risks of the presence of a weapon or firearm in the home.







Your Committee is informed that Everytown for Gun Safety indicates that research related to tobacco control has demonstrated that pairing visual warnings with text advising of the dangers of tobacco use, significantly increases effectiveness by encouraging behavioral reflection and reducing risky behaviors. These graphic signs use imagery to convey risks (suicide, domestic violence, accidental death) more effectively than text alone. Visual warnings reach individuals who may be illiterate or have limited proficiency with the English language. This proposed Local Law will strengthen the effectiveness of existing gun safety warnings by ensuring that they are understandable and impactful across language and literacy barriers. Gun violence is a public health epidemic. This proposal provides a cost-effective way to encourage safer decision-making by firearm purchasers and to raise awareness about the dangers of unsafe storage and misuse—particularly risks involving children, individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts or other mental health struggles, domestic violence, or substance impairment.

As you know, this Honorable Board must comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”). The proposed act does not meet the definition of an




action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 9, 2026, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends adoption of this Local Law.

Dated: APRIL 13, 2026
White Plains, New York


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Dated: April 13, 2026
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

**LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**



**PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS
COMMITTEE**

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 529 of the Laws of Westchester County to add a requirement to post a graphic image of the dangers of weapons or firearms.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Section 529.21 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 529.21. Disclosure Notices.

a. Every Dealer located in the County of Westchester and engaged in the retail business of selling weapons shall not sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of any weapon to another person unless a notice is posted in the Site where such weapons or firearms are displayed or delivered to the purchaser at the entrance to the site and in at least one additional area where sales occur conspicuously stating, in no smaller than 24-point type and on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches in bold print the following warning:

WARNING

ACCESS TO A WEAPON OR 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 CRISIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TEAM AT (914) 925-5959 or THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE AT 988.

b. Every Dealer located in the County of Westchester and engaged in the retail business of selling weapons shall not sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of any weapon to

another person unless a graphic warning sign depicting the nature of the health and safety risks contained in the written notice, is posted adjacent to the notice required in subdivision a. of this section, in the Site where such weapons or firearms are displayed or delivered to the purchaser at the entrance to the site and in at least one additional area where sales occur, on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

c. The Westchester County Department of Health shall, within 6 months of the effective date of this Local Law:

1. Design one or more graphic warnings signs that depict the nature of the health and safety risks listed in the notice required pursuant to subdivision b of this section and which, in the view of the Department of Health, are likely to be beneficial in educating the public and mitigating such risks;

2. Establish the format, type size, colors, designs, and any additional text to be included in a graphic warning sign to be posted pursuant to subdivision b of this section; and

3. Publish and make freely available on its website the graphic warning signs designed pursuant to this subdivision.

d. Upon the issuance of a license, the County Clerk shall provide the licensee with the following:

1. a written copy of a warning notice conspicuously stating in no smaller than 24-point type and on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches in bold print the following warning:

WARNING

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DEATHS TO CHILDREN, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND OTHERS. IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS EXPERIENCING DISTRESS AND/OR DEPRESSION, CALL THE CRISIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TEAM AT (914) 925-5959 or THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE AT 988.

2. a copy of a graphic warning sign promulgated by the Department of Health pursuant to subdivision c of this Section, on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

e. The County of Westchester and its agencies, officers or employees shall not be liable to any party by reason of any injury or damage resulting from the failure of any person subject to this Chapter, to comply with this Chapter, or by reason or in consequence of any act or omission in connection with the implementation or enforcement of this Chapter.

§2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.