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Corrected version of "Comment on Firearms Ordinance Change, Second Reading. The first version contained ordinance misspelled.

Dear Mayor and Council Members, City Clerk:

I have to apologize for joining the issue so late. I have my excuses but never mind that.

I know Petaluma City Hall has a well-meaning staff but there are limits. They may feel as I do that Council has put them in a moral dilemma.

Right now, when the ordinance comes up for second reading, the below is what I intend to say. If the reading comes up unchanged, I may change my mind and address the issue of a moral compass.

I find it difficult to put aside the emotions that flow from being placed in a moral dilemma and yet still offer assistance to those who put you there. The below is such an attempt.

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3 minute comment below:

This proposed ordinance asserts City Council possesses the legal authority to reach into private residences and dictate how people will handle property, the ownership and purposes are fully legal in California and under US law.

Alright. Can you tell me how to make my bed in the morning? If that is not among your powers, but somehow you possess the authority to deprive me of my last means of self-defense in an emergency.

Legal Counsel can explain the regulatory powers and their limits.

Let's start with the first question to be encountered. Have all other means of achieving the same goal, but without impeding the exercise of people's basic rights, been fully exhausted? Well, are you folks ready to answer that.

For each gun accident/incident only one person out of 65,000 was responsible. What proportion of gun crimes that occur exclusively in Petaluma would be cured by this proposed mass obliteration/impairment of emergency self-defense rights.

If there is a conflict among rights, has the least restrictive one been chosen? And your answer might be, that is why we pay legal counsel. Wrong. Legal counsel gives only an opinion. You decide and bear full responsibility.

If regulation empowers City Council, will the state agency with the same or similar regulatory duties be a willing co-defendant in both types of law suits. Regulation is an administrative means. Does administration override so many rights of the individual.

Have you gamed the two most likely legal responses by those affected. Nip in the bud is the first one.

But, the second type of response is more difficult. Exactly how would City Council respond if an event shows that except for this ordinance, injury or death was fully preventable?

Finally, before you approve further readings, you might want to ensure this does not negate city insurance?

So.... what is my own view....