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City Attorney Klein Announces Ohio Supreme Court Agrees to Take First Look at City's Gun Safety Case

Court says it will take up several pieces of Columbus's lawsuit defending the City's ability to enact and enforce reasonable gun safety laws the majority of Ohioans want

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that the Ohio Supreme Court agreed to hear two propositions from a case [filed by the City in January](#) in response to a lawsuit in Delaware County challenging the City's local gun safety ordinances, including limits on high capacity magazines often used in mass shootings and the city's safe storage law aimed at keeping firearms out of the reach of children. The laws remain on hold following the judge's decision to issue a preliminary injunction in the case.

The Supreme Court agreed to hear two separate claims laid out in the case, including whether the City has the ability to appeal a Delaware County judge's preliminary injunction temporarily blocking the City's gun safety laws, as expressly provided under Ohio law, as well as a claim that the preliminary injunction blocking the City's gun safety ordinances causes irreparable harm to the City, which legally passed the laws in order to protect public safety. Blocking these ordinances deprives the City of the benefits of the laws, including the prosecution of dozens of safe storage cases involving minors.

"I'm pleased that the Ohio Supreme Court has agreed to hear this case defending the rights of cities not only to take reasonable actions to reduce gun violence in our neighborhoods, but also to reserve the ability to petition the Court when those rights are infringed upon," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **"We look forward to making our case before the Court, one of several next steps to ensure we can enforce gun safety laws already on the books and promote public safety."**