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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3197

AN ORDINANCE categorizing martial arts weapons as dangerous weapons under BCC 10.20.170, amending Ordinance No. 3066 Section 2 and Bellevue City Code Section 10.20.170.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 3066, Section 2, and Bellevue City Code Section 10.20.170 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

10.20.170 Dangerous weapons - Evidence

- (a) Every person who manufactures, sells or disposes of or has in his possession any instrument, martial arts weapon, or other weapon of the kind usually known as blackjack, slung shot, nunchaku, throwing star, sand club or metal knuckles or spring blade knife or any knife the blade of which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having a blade which opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement; who shall furtively carry with intent to conceal any dagger, dirk, pistol or other dangerous weapon; or who uses any contrivance or device for suppressing the noise of any firearm, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any of the following:
- (1) The possession of a nunchaku, throwing star or other martial arts weapon on the premises of a school which holds a regulatory or business license and teaches the arts of self-defense.
- (2) The manufacture of a nunchaku, throwing star or other martial arts weapon for sale to, or the sale of a nunchaku or throwing star, to a school which holds a regulatory or business license and teaches the arts of self-defense.
- (c) "Nunchaku" means an instrument consisting of two or more sticks, clubs, bars or rods to be used as handles, connected by a rope, cord, wire or chain, in the design of a weapon used in connection with the practice of a system of self-defense such as karate.

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- (d) "Throwing star" means any instrument, without handles, consisting of a metal plate having three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges and designed in the shape of a polygon, trefoil, cross, star, diamond, or other geometric shape for use as a weapon for throwing.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its passage, and publication by posting it in the three official posting places of the City.

PASSED by the City Council this 22nd day of December, 1982, and signed in authentication of its passage this 22nd day of December, 1982.

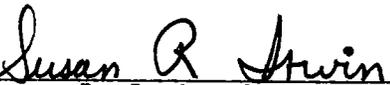
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