

## Ancel Glink Today

*Your Authority on Local Government Law*

### **Highland Park's Assault Weapon Ban Upheld**

On Monday, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Highland Park's ordinance banning the possession of assault weapons and magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. This decision marks a rare and significant victory for local gun regulations. In recent years, municipal gun bans have been overturned across the country, including in Chicago. The Highland Park court found that assault weapons and high capacity magazines were not commonly used when the Second Amendment was ratified (i.e., in 1791). The court also relied on several studies indicating that assault weapon bans reduce the overall dangerousness of crime and may increase the public's sense of safety. The Highland Park decision provides a valuable roadmap for municipalities interested in regulating military-grade weapons. Please contact your Ancel Glink attorney if you would like to discuss firearm regulatory strategies.

For more information, click [HERE](#).

### **Red Light Cameras in Jeopardy**

Last week, the Illinois House overwhelmingly voted to prohibit non-home rule communities from installing red light cameras. If passed by the Senate and signed by Governor Rauner, House Bill 173 would undercut community safety efforts and deplete local revenue for non-home rule communities (i.e., generally communities with fewer than 25,000 residents). House Bill 173 was introduced in the Senate on Tuesday and will be debated over the coming weeks. Now is a good time for communities to review their red light camera contracts to see how they may be impacted if House Bill 173 becomes law.

For more information, click [HERE](#).

### **Federal Social Media Guidelines Now Available**

In mid-April, the federal government issued guidelines for federal employees' use of social media. The guidelines are not binding on local units of government, but serve as a helpful resource for communities in the digital age. The guidelines address many topics relevant to local units of government, including: 1) use of government time and property; 2) use of an employee's title on social media outlets; 3) employees seeking and giving endorsements on platforms such as LinkedIn; and 4) disclosure of non-public information. It is important for communities to adopt social media guidelines that establish clear expectations for their employees. The federal guidelines may be another resource to consider when adopting or revamping your social media policy.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



## Want to Learn More?

For more information about any of these topics, please contact your principal Ancel Glink attorney or visit our [website](#) or blog [Municipal Minute](#) for more updates on cases, laws, and other topics of interest to local governments. You can also follow Ancel Glink on Twitter [@AncelGlinkLand](#) and like [AncelGlink: Land Use](#) on Facebook.

Editor: [Julie Tappendorf](#)

Contributors: [Erin Baker](#) and [Greg Jones](#)

---

*This bulletin is provided as a service to our clients and friends. It is intended to provide timely general information of interest, but should not be considered a substitute for legal advice. Be sure to consult with an attorney before taking action based on the contents. We welcome comments and questions. This may constitute advertising material as defined under the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct.*

---



**ANCEL GLINK** | DIAMOND BUSH DiCIANNI & KRAFTHEFER  
CHICAGO • VERNON HILLS • NAPERVILLE • CRYSTAL LAKE • BLOOMINGTON