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**U.S. District Court Sides With City on Park Gun Ban**

SEATTLE -- Yesterday, a federal court in Seattle rejected a constitutional challenge to the City's rule prohibiting guns in areas of parks where children are likely to be present.

U.S. District Court Judge Marsha Pechman's decision, which affirms that Seattle's rule is consistent with both the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution, acknowledges this country's long history and tradition of upholding reasonable firearms regulation facing constitutional challenges.

Last month, the King County Superior Court held in a separate lawsuit that a Washington state statute preempts Seattle's rule. Therefore, the City is no longer enforcing the rule and has removed the gun prohibition signs from City playgrounds and parks. The City is planning to appeal the state court ruling.

The City of Seattle is represented in this case pro bono (at no cost) by Daniel Dunne, a partner at the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, working with Assistant City Attorney Gary Keese.

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