

Appendix AR-15

Officers carrying personally owned AR-15 rifles must fire their rifles on the same course as is used for department issued AR-15's during firearms qualifications. Auxiliary sights (telescopic, ACOG, holographic) are allowed but the officer must qualify with the iron sights on the rifle unless it is equipped with non-battery powered telescopic sight, they will then qualify with the scope. Laser sights will not be used as auxiliary sight systems.

The conditions listed below must also be met to carry a personally owned AR-15 while on duty.

- A. The rifle must be carried in a case.
- B. The case, containing the rifle, may not be in plain view inside a vehicle.
- C. The personally owned AR-15 will be carried in the same patrol ready condition that department AR-15's are carried in.
- D. Only 20 or 30 round magazines are authorized for use, which must be provided by the officer.
- E. If a personally owned AR-15 is damaged, lost or destroyed while on duty, the department will not repair or replace the rifle, except as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Missoula and the Missoula Police Association. Officers are responsible for all maintenance of their AR-15's and keeping them clean.
- F. Officer's may only carry their AR-15 after written approval by the Chief of Police or his designee, they have qualified with the rifle, signed a waiver acknowledging the department is not responsible for theft of, loss of, or damage to the rifle, except as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Missoula and the Missoula Police Association and the AR-15 meets the criteria set forth by the firearms committee below.
- G. The Missoula Police Department will issue up to 28 rounds of .223/5.56 ammunition for primary use in the privately owned AR-15. Additional ammunition must be purchased by the officer, and it must meet the standards defined in the firearms policy.

Criteria to be met by personally owned AR-15's for duty carry

- A. Rifle must be a standard AR-15 design
- B. Rifles and accessories may be solid gray, black, FDE (Flat Dark Earth), or OD Green (Olive Drab) in color. No other color is authorized. Camouflage patterns are not authorized. Rifles may not display stickers, emblems, or other branding (i.e. Punisher skull, spartan head, Gadsden flag, etc.).
- C. Capable semi-automatic firing only (may not be capable of fully automatic firing)
- D. Minimum trigger pull weight of 3.5 pounds

- E. Must have a forward assist
- F. The rifle must have iron sights or a telescopic sight that is capable of a minimum of 3X or less magnification that is approved by the firearms committee.
- G. Rifles with auxiliary sight systems, that are battery powered, must be capable of immediately changing to iron sights
- H. Must have an approved sling system
- I. Bipods or tripods may be approved the firearms committee.
- J. The factory safety system may not be altered
- K. The rifle must be approved by the firearms committee
- L. A tactical light mounted on the rifle is encouraged but not required
- M. The rifle must be inspected by an AR-15 armorer before being used for duty carry
- N. Must be designed to fire .223/5.56 mm ammunition