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Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said Thursday she is drafting a letter to state representatives requesting they work toward allowing Idaho cities to regulate firearms.

Chaney said she would like to be able to ban weapons in places like City Hall, city parks and city-run youth facilities.

In August, Chaney asked City Attorney Randy Fife to write to the Idaho Attorney General's Office to determine whether the city had the authority to regulate firearms.

Chaney said the letter will be sent to Reps. Shirley Ringo and Tom Trail and Sen. Gary Schroeder before the next legislative session, which begins in January.

Deputy Attorney General Stephen A. Bywater sent a reply in September stating that the city cannot restrict people from legally carrying firearms.

Chaney said her letter also will ask the legislators to consider making requirements for concealed-weapons permits more stringent, and to support programs that would encourage "responsible use of firearms," gun safety and nonviolent conflict resolution.aws