

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING
THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS INTO
BUILDINGS OF THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH AND
AUTHORIZING PUBLIC NOTICE OF SAME BY THE POSTING OF SIGNS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 398 of the 1995 Session Laws made changes to the laws governing concealed weapons by establishing a system that will allow private citizens to obtain permits to carry concealed handguns; and

WHEREAS, this change will significantly increase the number of individuals who may legally carry concealed handguns; and

WHEREAS, the County of Randolph pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-174 has the power to prohibit acts detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the citizenry of said county; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to restrict the carrying of concealed handguns on certain county property in order to protect the health and safety of county employees and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 14-415.23 authorizes counties to adopt ordinances to permit the posting of a prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-415.11(c), in local government buildings; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance to prohibit under penalty of law the carrying of concealed weapons in all county buildings and to direct the posting of county property such that, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-415.11(c), the carrying of concealed handguns on the posted premises will constitute a violation of N.C.G.S. Chapter 14, Article 54B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Randolph, State of North Carolina, that:

Section 1. Posting of Signs Required. The County Manager is hereby authorized and instructed to post conspicuous signage at appropriate locations on or within all county buildings, indicating that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited therein.

Section 2. Location of Signs. Signs on county buildings shall be visibly posted at each entrance by which the general public can legally access the building. The County Manager shall exercise discretion in determining the number and appropriate locations of signs to be placed on or within appurtenant premises.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a sworn law enforcement Officer or a County employee that has been duly authorized by the County Manager to carry a concealed weapon including, but not limited to a handgun, into any buildings owned or leased by the County of Randolph or any of its agencies.

Section 4. The notice on the signs to be posted by the County Manager shall read in substance:

WARNING
CONCEALED WEAPONS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!
IT IS A VIOLATION OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 14-415.11(C)
AND RANDOLPH COUNTY ORDINANCES TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON
INTO ANY COUNTY BUILDING.
VIOLATION OF SAME IS A CLASS 2 AND CLASS 3
MISDEMEANOR RESPECTIVELY.

Section 5. Severability; Conflict of Laws. If this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given separate effect and to that end the provisions of this ordinance or declared to be severable. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

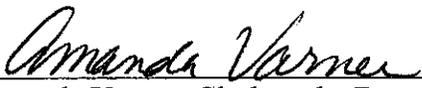
Section 6. Effective Date. This amended ordinance shall become effective August 6, 2014.

Upon motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board unanimously ratified and adopted the foregoing ordinance by the following vote:

Ayes: Holmes, Frye, Kemp, Lanier, Haywood
Noes: None

I, Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly amended by the governing body of Randolph County, ratified and adopted at the September 8, 2014, regular meeting thereof, a quorum being present.

The 8th day of September, 2014.



Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board

Carrying of Concealed Weapons on Certain Property Ordinance was initially adopted 11/6/95.

This Ordinance was amended on 12/4/95 to reflect the change allowing citizens who have permits to carry concealed weapons on county property but not in county buildings.

Substituted the word "buildings" for the word "property," thereby making the carrying of concealed weapons illegal only in County buildings.

Section 3 of this Ordinance was amended 9/8/14 as follows: It shall be unlawful for any person other than a sworn law enforcement Officer or a County employee that has been duly authorized by the County Manager to carry a concealed weapon, including, but not limited to a handgun, into any buildings owned or leased by the County of Randolph or any of its agencies.