

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: FIRST READING - SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
SECOND READING - OCTOBER 14, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 13

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-27 OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY CODE, ENTITLED, "WEAPONS ON COUNTY PROPERTY" TO COMPLY WITH RECENT STATUTORY CHANGES

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: September 19, 2013
COUNTY MANAGER

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Section 15-27. Weapons on County Property.

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(b) *Concealed Handguns.* (i) Subject to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 14-415.11(c), no person who has a concealed handgun permit shall carry a concealed handgun in or on any Forsyth County buildings, or their appurtenant premises, now or hereafter owned, leased as lessee, operated, ~~occupied~~, managed, and/or controlled by Forsyth County, where prohibited by posting.

(ii) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the concealed handgun permittee may, nevertheless, secure his/her handgun in a locked vehicle within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or area within or on the motor vehicle while parking in any parking area on property owned, leased as lessee, operated, managed and/or controlled by Forsyth County regardless of whether such parking area is appurtenant to any building or facility in which firearms are prohibited by this ordinance.

(c) *Park Property.* Unless otherwise specifically ~~prohibited~~ provided by law, a concealed handgun permittee may possess and carry a concealed handgun in or on the following County park facilities:

1. Union Cross Park
2. Kernersville Lake Park
3. Walkertown Community Park
4. Horizons Park
5. C.G. Hill Memorial Park
6. U.S. 421 River Park
7. Joanie Moser Memorial Park
8. Fred Sturmer Memorial Park
9. Tanglewood Park

* ~~Tanglewood Park Carrying or possessing a concealed handgun at Tanglewood Park, either on one's person or in one's vehicle, is prohibited by applicable state~~

~~law provisions, including, but not limited to N.C.G.S. 14-269.2, 14-269.3, and 14-415.11, based on activities which are regularly conducted and sponsored at Tanglewood Park.~~

- * **Triad Park**-The entrance and recreational facilities of Triad Park are located within Guilford County. Consistent with Guilford County's ordinance, and to provide consistency at Triad Park, unless otherwise provided by law, subject to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 14-415.11(c), no person who has a concealed handgun permit shall carry a concealed handgun in or on any Triad Park recreational facilities and buildings, or their appurtenant premises, where prohibited by posting. The concealed handgun permittee may, nevertheless, secure the handgun in a locked vehicle within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or area within or on the motor vehicle.

~~the above prohibition on carrying concealed handguns in or on any Forsyth County buildings and their appurtenant premises shall not apply to legally carrying concealed handguns on County park or recreational facilities which includes any and all park buildings and their appurtenant premises, playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pools, and athletic facilities located on the following County park facilities:~~

~~(e)(d)~~ *Exemptions.* This section shall not apply to those individuals exempted under N.C.G.S. 14-269, except as otherwise specifically addressed by law.

~~(d)(e)~~ *Posting of signs required.* The county manager is hereby ordered to post appropriate signage consistent with the provisions of State law and this ordinance ~~on at each building, or portion of a building, and its appurtenant premises, County park facility~~ now or hereafter owned, leased as lessee, operated, managed, or controlled by Forsyth County, ~~indicating that concealed handguns are prohibited therein.~~

~~(e)(f)~~ *Location of signs.* Said signs shall be visibly posted on the exterior of each entrance by which the general public can access the building and appurtenant premises. The county manager shall exercise discretion in determining the necessity and appropriate location for other signs posted on the interior of the building and appurtenant premises.

~~(f)(g)~~ *Violations.* Any person who possesses or carries a weapon on County property where prohibited shall be punished as provided by State law.

Adopted on first reading the 23rd day of September 2013.

Adopted on second reading this 14th day of October 2013.

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