

ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT POSSESSION OF DEADLY OR DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens and employees of LaPorte County to regulate the possession and transportation of dangerous and/or deadly weapons in buildings owned or administered by LaPorte County.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners that:


Section I.


1. That this Ordinance is added to Chapter 6, Article 9, Section 6-89 of the LaPorte County Code as follows:
2. No person, unless otherwise permitted by this ordinance, shall possess or transport a deadly or dangerous weapon into a building or structure owned or administered by LaPorte County.
3. Deadly weapon means any weapon that is defined in I.C. 35-41-1-8, to include:
 - a. Any firearm
 - b. Any knife
 - c. Any stun gun or lazar
 - d. Any explosive devise or material
 - e. Any chemical spray
 - f. Any object or material capable of being used as a dangerous deadly weapon to cause or inflict bodily injury or pain on another.
4. Notwithstanding any prohibition found in Section I of this Ordinance, the following persons may possess or transport firearms and/or chemical sprays as otherwise permitted by law:
 - a. Marshalls
 - b. Sheriffs
 - c. The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or any person authorized by such Commissioner in writing to carry firearms.
 - d. Judicial officers, probation officers and Juvenile Service Center employees
 - e. Law enforcement officers
 - f. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, National Guard or Organized Reserve Forces while on duty
 - g. Employees of the United States of America, State of Indiana or the County who are duly authorized to carry handguns
 - h. Any person who is engaged in the business of manufacturing, preparing or dealing in firearms or their agent or representative of any such person having in his possession, using or carrying a handgun in their usual course of that business.

- i. Museums, historical societies or other persons who possess or transport firearms that are kept for display as relics
 - j. The regularly enrolled members of any organization duly authorized to purchase and receive such weapons from the United States of America or the State of Indiana who are at or are going to or from their place of assembly or target practice
5. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the possession or transportation of firearms on Highways currently defined by I.C. 8-23-1-23 or public highways as defined by I.C. 8-2.1-17-14.
- b. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date it is adopted by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners.


DATED this 13 day of August, 2002.


MARLOW HARMON, President


BILL HAGER, Vice President


CLAY TURNER, Member

ATTEST


KEN LAYTON, Auditor