

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EXISTING WASHTENAW COUNTY POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES TO ADD A NEW POLICY PROHIBITING WEAPONS ON OR IN
COUNTY BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 20, 2002

WHEREAS, Michigan law provides counties with the authority to exercise control over their buildings and property; and

WHEREAS, safety in County-owned buildings and property is a legitimate concern for the County; and


WHEREAS, County Administration has proposed an amendment to the County's existing Policies and Procedures that would add a new Policy entitled, "Prohibition of Weapons on or in County Buildings or Property;" and

WHEREAS, under this proposed Policy, except for the exceptions specifically stated in the Policy, all weapons would be banned from County buildings and property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approves a new Policy that is entitled, "Prohibition of Weapons on or in County Buildings or Property" that is attached to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs Facilities Management to create and post signs throughout the County as provided in the Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Policy shall take immediate effect when the Board of Commissioners approves this Resolution.

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I. Application:

This policy shall govern the carrying of weapons in County buildings or upon County-owned property.

II. Intent:

The intent of the Board of Commissioners is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Washtenaw County and Washtenaw County employees while in County-owned buildings or upon County-owned property.


III. Definitions:

When used in this Policy, the following words, terms and phrases shall be defined as follows:

- (1) "Concealment" shall mean to intentionally hide, put out of sight, disguise or do any other act to keep a weapon out of sight and to avoid its being discovered or observed.
- (2) "Possession" shall mean carrying or having control over a weapon with knowledge of its presence.
- (3) "Weapon" shall include a loaded or unloaded firearm from which a dangerous projectile may be propelled by an explosive, or by gas or air. "Weapon" shall also include a dagger, razor, stiletto or knife having a blade over three inches in length.

IV. General Policies:

- A. Except as provided by this Policy, possession or concealment of a weapon shall be prohibited in all Washtenaw County-owned or controlled buildings and/or property.

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- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Policy, any State, Federal or Local law enforcement officer may possess or conceal a weapon on County owned or controlled building or property provided such law enforcement officer is on duty and on official law enforcement business at the time he/she is possessing or concealing a weapon on County controlled or owned building or property.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Policy, a person may, while complying with any gun registration requirement mandated by law or while participating in any County-operated gun buy-back program, possess an unloaded weapon at the particular County owned or controlled building where such activity occurs.
- D. The County shall post and maintain signs at all public entrances to the public buildings owned or controlled by the County notifying the public that possession or concealment of weapons in those public places is prohibited.
- E. This Policy shall not apply to those areas of County courthouses that are under the control of the Chief Judge of the Washtenaw County Unified Trial Court as those areas are already weapon free pursuant to the Court Security Standards promulgated by the Michigan State Court Administrative Office and followed by the Unified Trial Court.