

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-69

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS ON TOWN PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Williamston that Section 130.01 of Chapter 130 of the Code of the Town of Williamston is hereby repealed and in its place and stead the following is enacted as Chapter 130 Section 130.01:

Sec. 130.1. Firearms and other weapons prohibited on Town Property.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (g) below, all persons are prohibited from possessing any firearm (excluding a handgun carried under the authority of a lawful concealed handgun permit) in town-owned buildings and their appurtenant premises, as defined herein.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (g) below, all persons are prohibited from possessing any firearm (excluding a concealed handgun carried under the authority of a lawful concealed handgun permit) at the following town athletic facilities (facilities used for athletic events, including but not limited to, a gymnasium) and athletic fields (any athletic fields, including any appurtenant facilities such as restrooms, during an organized athletic event if the field had been scheduled for use with the Parks and Recreation Department) in accordance with G.S. 14-415.23:
 - (1) Perry Park at Pine Street;
 - (2) Godwin Coppage Park at Tyner Road;
 - (3) The Tennis Courts at Edgewood Avenue;
- (c) Except as provided in subsection (g) below, all persons are prohibited from carrying concealed weapons, other than firearms, as defined in G.S. 14-269 in town-owned buildings, their appurtenant premises, and in town parks and recreational facilities, as defined herein. These weapons are defined as bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slung shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor, shurikin, stun gun, or other deadly weapon of any kind.
- (d) Except as provided in subsection (g) below, all persons are prohibited from displaying or carrying openly any firearm or weapon described in subsection (c) above on the streets, sidewalks, alleys or other public property in the Town of Williamston in the areas set aside for and during the periods of operation of festivals, concerts, amusement and entertainment events, and other public assemblies.
- (e) Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a person from storing a firearm within a motor vehicle while the vehicle is on the aforementioned properties in the town.
- (f) For the purposes of this section, "buildings" is defined as set forth in G.S. 14-54(c) as including any dwelling, dwelling house, uninhabited house, building under construction, building within the curtilage of a dwelling house, and any other structure designed to house or secure within it any activity or property.
- (g) This prohibition shall not apply to the following persons:
 - (1) Those persons identified in G.S. 14-269(b);
 - (2) Animal Control Officers acting in the scope of their employment; and
 - (3) Persons firing firearms without projectiles in organized educational, entertainment, instructional, or ceremonial events sponsored by the Town.
- (h) A conspicuous notice shall be posted at each entrance to any property or facility set forth in subsection (a) or (b) above, outlining the restrictions prescribed in this section.
- (i) Firearms and other weapons possessed in violation of this article are hereby declared to be contraband. The Chief of Police or his Designee shall dispose of such weapons pursuant to applicable State law.

Adopted this the 12th day of August, 2014.

Tommy Robison
Mayor

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Clerk