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**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2021-099**

*City of Columbia Policy on the Carry of Concealable Weapons during permitted, organized events within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and while on City premises or workplaces*

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 7th day of September, 2021, that to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens and visitors of the City of Columbia, the following policy on the possession of concealable weapons during permitted, organized events within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbia and while on City premises or workplaces is hereby implemented:

1. South Carolina's Open Carry with Training Act (H3094) took effect on August 15, 2021.

2. The City is opposed to the open carry of firearms at organized events within the City's jurisdiction. Accordingly, all permits for organized events occurring on or after September 7, 2021 (such as public rallies, parades, protests, festivals, or fairs) shall, at a minimum, be subject to a prohibition on the open carry of firearms in the specific area of such event and for the duration of such organized event. City management shall take all reasonable and necessary action to ensure that temporary restrictions on the otherwise lawful open carrying of a firearm at permitted, organized events within the City are implemented in compliance with section 23-31-520 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

3. Further, as a public employer, the City is committed to taking reasonable action necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its employees. As such, the City is opposed to persons carrying firearms of any kind into City-owned buildings, facilities, and workplaces, without express written permission from the City Manager and the Chief of Police giving the specified person, who must possess a valid concealed weapons permit, permission to carry a concealable weapon while in City-owned buildings and workplaces. Accordingly, the carrying firearms into City-owned buildings, facilities and workplaces is prohibited. City management shall take all reasonable and necessary action to ensure that all City-owned buildings, facilities, and workplaces are posted with signs in compliance with sections 23-31-220 and 23-31-235 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.


4. Persons, including valid concealed weapons permit holders, are prohibited from carrying concealable weapons, as defined in section 23-31-210(5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, whether concealed or not, in those locations set forth in section 23-31-215(M) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

ATTEST:

  
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City Attorney

  
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City Clerk

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