

ORDINANCE

REPEALING PITT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 5: PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN PITT COUNTY BUILDINGS AND PERMITTING THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN PITT COUNTY BUILDINGS; AND

AMENDING PITT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 4: PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF DEADLY WEAPONS IN PITT COUNTY BUILDINGS AND PERMITTING THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF DEADLY WEAPONS IN PITT COUNTY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, Pitt County is authorized pursuant to NCGS §153A-121 to define, regulate and prohibit acts detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 398 of the 1995 Session Laws (codified as Article 54B of Chapter 14) established a system that allows private citizens to obtain permits to carry concealed handguns; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing on January 22, 1996 the Pitt County Board of Commissioners adopted Law Enforcement Ordinance No. 5 “Prohibiting the Possession of Concealed Handguns in Pitt County Buildings and Permitting the Posting of Signs Prohibiting the Carrying of Concealed Handguns in Pitt County Buildings” and Law Enforcement Ordinance No. 4 “Prohibiting the Possession of Deadly Weapons in Pitt County Buildings and Permitting the Posting of Signs Prohibiting the Carrying of Deadly Weapons in Pitt County Buildings”

WHEREAS, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners is now concerned about the increased violence in gun free zones; and believes that gun free zones pose a significant threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the community and County employees; and

WHEREAS, Pitt County no longer desires to exercise its authority to prohibit the possession of concealed handguns in Pitt County Buildings by individuals in possession of a valid concealed carry permit; and

WHEREAS, by repealing Law Enforcement Ordinance No. 5, concealed carry permit holders will no longer be limited by Pitt County Government as to where they may carry concealed handguns, and concealed carry permit holders will be allowed to carry concealed handguns in all places allowed by North Carolina State law.

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to amend Law Enforcement Ordinance No. 4 by amending Section 2 to strike through the words “and concealed handguns” and adding new language to Section 4 that reads as follows:

Concealed handguns may be carried by persons who have a current concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 14-415.11 to the extent permitted by State law; provided, however, that any County employee exercising this authority to carry a concealed handgun at work must make prior notification to his/her Supervisor of the intent to carry a concealed handgun at work and provide a copy of the concealed handgun permit to the Supervisor. The Supervisor must notify the County Manager in writing by the next working day of such notification by the employee, and provide a copy of the concealed handgun permit to the County Manager. The concealed handgun permit provided shall be made part of the employee's personnel file and shall remain confidential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners repeals Law Enforcement Ordinance No. 5 and Amends Law Enforcement Ordinance No. 4 as set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that concealed carry permit holders may carry concealed handguns in all places allowed by the law of the State of North Carolina.

Effective this the 7th day of December, 2015.

Glen Webb, Chairman
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kimberly W. Hines, Clerk to the Board