34.06.02.C1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus

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Revision History

Rule Summary

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) recognizes and enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. Senate Bill No. 11 was passed by the Texas Legislature, signed into law on June 16, 2015, and made effective August 1, 2016. This bill added a new section to Chapter 411 of the Texas Government Code.

Definitions

Campus – means all land and buildings owned or leased by TAMU-CC.

On-campus residential facilities – means on-campus housing owned and/or operated by the university, or its designees.

Interscholastic event – means a function or program existing or done between schools not including a collegiate sporting event.

Premises – means a building or portion of a building. The term does not include any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.

Rule

1. The university president has established this rule after consulting with TAMU-CC students, staff, and faculty about the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment. These rules were reviewed by the system board of regents as required by law.

2. The open carrying of a handgun on campus is prohibited. Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.

3. A handgun license holder under Chapter 411, Texas Government Code, may carry a

concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on the TAMU-CC campus or in a TAMU-CC vehicle, unless prohibited by state or federal law, or this rule.

4. TAMU-CC enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. This enforcement occurs in two ways. First, the University Police Department or other applicable law enforcement agencies will investigate and take appropriate action, including referral for criminal prosecution when violations occur. Second, TAMU-CC will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of the university rules and procedures. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to students, staff, and faculty.

5. On-Campus Residential Facilities

   Any resident of on-campus residential facilities who is a license holder and wants to store a handgun in their room must securely store it in a safe that is purchased or rented from Islander Housing or their approved vendor.

6. Rules Applicable to Carrying a Concealed Handgun on Campus

   6.1. State Law Prohibitions.

   A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable state law prohibitions. See Appendix.

   6.2. Federal Law Prohibitions.

   A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable federal law prohibitions.

   6.3. Other Prohibited Campus Premises. A license holder is also prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun on the following campus premises.

   (a) Blanche Davis Moore Early Childhood Development Center Complex (ECDC, Math and Science Education Center, school playground)

   (b) University Health Center

   (c) Premises where formal administrative hearings/investigations are being conducted.

   (d) Campus facilities where mental health care professionals or individuals under their supervision receive and/or treat patients.

   (e) The following laboratories:

a. Pathogenic Materials (BSL-2 and higher laboratories)

b. Strong Magnetic Hazard

c. High Pressure, Cryogenic and Flammable Gases

(f) The following athletic premises while an interscholastic or collegiate sporting event is taking place, or while used for recreational sports programing:

a. Thomas J. Henry Tennis Center

b. Dr. Jack Dugan Family Soccer & Track Stadium Complex

c. Chapman Baseball and Softball Complex

d. Dugan Wellness Center: Gym, Locker Rooms, and Exercise Rooms

e. Island Hall Gym, Exercise Rooms, Exercise Labs, Locker Rooms, Corridor, and Track

f. Field House

g. Momentum Campus Recreational Sports Building

h. American Bank Center and other facilities when leased for collegiate sporting events

(g) The following offices, meeting rooms, and facilities:

a. Office of Student Conduct & Advocacy

b. Specific premises in which formal hearings are being conducted pursuant to university rules or procedures for faculty and staff disciplinary matters, student conduct proceedings, and academic grievances.

c. Any campus premises where Pre-K through Grade 12 Camps are occurring.

d. Any campus premises where UIL or similarly sponsored interscholastic events are occurring.

(h) Any premises where the university, as directed or approved by the president as necessary for campus safety, gives effective notice on a temporary basis pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code. For this rule, the term "owner of the property" in Section 30.06(b), Penal Code, means the president of the university. No university employee is "someone with apparent authority to act

for the owner" for purposes of Section 30.06(b), Penal Code. All notices under Section 30.06, Penal Code, will be institutional notice, conform to Section 46.03 of the Penal Code, and apply equally to all handgun license holders.

(i) TAMU-CC leases premises to certain businesses such as banks, bookstores, etc. The management company of the leased facilities determines the restrictions on possession of weapons in those facilities and displays those restrictions pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code. If there are restrictions, the management company of the leased facilities will notify the university Vice President for Student Engagement and Success and the Vice President for Finance and Administration of those restrictions by August 1 of each year.

7. At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, TAMU-CC must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code. The University Police Department is to be contacted for questions about signage or to acquire signs.

8. The President's Cabinet will review the list of prohibited campus premises at least annually and approve changes as necessary.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Texas Government Code, Chapter 411
Texas Penal Code, Section 30
Texas Penal Code, Section 46
System Regulation *34.06.02, Weapons*

Appendix

Texas Statutory Prohibitions

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